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Nervous markets fear another 'Black Monday'

Banks bid to curb panic

By George Sivell and Philip Webster

Central bankers of the Group of Seven industrialized nations are standing by to support world financial markets in the wake of Friday night's 190-point fall on Wall Street as markets open today, the second anniversary of "Black Monday" when stock markets around the world collapsed.

However, over the weekend, financial authorities around the world tried to dampen down market nerves after the steep fall in New York which stunned stock market dealers.

Sharp falls are expected when the London stock market opens this morning. But after a round of international discussions between banks and exchanges the British authorities believe parallels with the October 1987 crash are overdone. In particular, officials are playing down talk of a worldwide slump. Yesterday the Bank of England was said to be discussing tactics informally with the Bank of Japan and the US Federal Reserve as well as other central banks.

The banks feel there is no special need for co-ordinated public support or statements promising financial support to stock market dealers.

But the infrastructure which helped markets survive the 1987 traumas is still in place if needed, one official pointed out.

It is believed that British, US, Japanese, West German, French, Italian and Canadian central bankers will have followed an informal four-point plan to attack market jitters.

They are likely to emphasize differences between the 1987 crash and Friday's fall, be prepared to inject liquidity into markets to prevent collapse, monitor the health of individual market operators carefully, and be ready to iron out any resulting volatility on foreign exchanges. In London, to minimize any hint of panic, neither government ministers nor securities markets or Bank of England officials were prepared to make public comment.

Ministers and officials declined to comment yesterday on the likely reactions of the stock market today. "Speculation can help no one - we can only wait and see, hope and pray," a senior official said.

But it was made plain by Whitehall sources there was no question of

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postponing or delaying the proposed sale of the water industry.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was last night working on his vital Mansion House speech which will be delivered on Thursday. As the Government waited nervously last night for the City's reaction to the Wall Street collapse, Labour leaders issued a warning that a new stock market fall could push Britain into recession.

In London dealers are prepared for a fall in the FT-SE index of 100 leading companies of up to 120 points or so over the next couple of days from Friday's close of 2233.9.One said: "If Tokyo falls by no more than 700 or 800 points, a fall of around 2 per cent on the Nikkei Dow, then London would suffer a fall of around 100 points."

But in Tokyo late yesterday afternoon Japanese dealers were talking in terms of "a shallow reaction" to the US shock on Friday. In Hong Kong and Australia, dealers were braced for steep falls. However market tacticians were united in believing the reaction would not be so severe as 1987, when fall after fall echoed around the globe.

In particular market dealers point out that the US and British markets appear to have gone their separate ways in the past couple of months. Wall Street has risen on speculation of more bank-backed takeover bids — London has fallen after poor trade figures, pressure on the pound and last week's interest rate rise.

Mr Bill Martin, an economist at Phillips and Drew, the stockbrokers, summed up the mood of many. He said: "It is reasonable to argue that the US fall out is a localized problem, we are unlikely to see a global contagion as in 1987."

Other City market makers confirmed that because of moderate falls in UK share prices over the past few weeks that had very few shares on their books at the moment. In London this year shares have risen by 27.8 per cent.

Shares most likely to fall in London today are BAT, a target of Mr James Goldsmith's now lapsed junk bond bid and DRG, the Sellotape and Basildon Bond group.

Junk bonds 'dead' on Wall Street

From James Bone, New York

Wall Street prepared to open today in a sanguine mood, despite the market's 190.58 points plunge on Friday.

But the so-called "junk-bond" market, which offered investors a high reward on risky bonds, is considered dead after the effective withdrawal of the Japanese banks from the market.

Prospects for saving the refinance deal for United Airlines, the failure of which sparked the collapse on Friday, are regarded as slim. Lord King, chairman of British Airways, which was putting up $750 million towards the deal, flew to the US last night for urgent talks on the matter.

Four Japanese banks were the first to indicate on Friday that they would not provide as much money as the lead lenders, Citibank and Chase Manhattan Bank, had hoped. They were followed by a series of American banks.

Citibank and Chase Manhattan agreed to provide $3 billion in financing for the $6.8 "buy-out" of United Airlines. The two banks said they would make their best efforts to secure an additional $4.2 billion and were "highly confident". When they failed, the market tumbled.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, will hold a news conference today during a routine visit to Tokyo. BA would not say if any scheduled meetings would be connected with refinancing the UAL buy-out. Nor would it comment on suggestions Sir Colin would meet the Japanese banks which pulled out.

Few on Wall Street saw the Friday the 13th nosedive, the second biggest one-day points drop in history but only the twelfth largest percentage decline, as a repeat of the stock market crash two years ago.

Analysts, traders and arbitrageurs said they expected a further fall as small investors sold their shares, but nothing like the 508-point fall on Black Monday — October 19, 1987.

Despite many similarities with 1987, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell 108 points on the Friday before Black Monday, most economists agree that the US economy is now healthier.

Mr Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury Secretary, has assured investors the outlook is sound with no fundamental changes in the condition of the economy in sight.

Share prices, which rallied this summer, had climbed to record highs in six consecutive sessions this month and were, after rising nearly 650 points this year, riding for a fall in the view of many on Wall Street. "They were high, they needed this," said one dealer.

Millwall Football Club's new shareholders, who have subscribed £1 million to help the club expand, face instant losses when the shares make their stock market debut today. "We would have liked a better day to launch," said Mr Reg Burr, the chairman....Page 48

Faldo's £100,000 gift



Nick Faldo sinking his winning putt in the world matchplay championship at Wentworth yesterday. He will give his £100,000 prize to charity. Match report, page 48

Jubilation as ANC men freed

From Gavin Bell
Soweto

Eight veteran leaders of the anti-apartheid movement were reunited with their families and feted by joyous crowds in townships throughout South Africa yesterday, ending a generation of imprisonment for most of them.

People were dancing in the streets of Soweto within minutes of the news that Mr Walter Sisulu, the former secretary-general of the African National Congress, and four of his comrades had been released from Diepkloof Prison on the outskirts of the township shortly after 5am. The other three were taken to their homes in Pretoria, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

"It's nice to be free, let me see my wife," were the first words spoken by Mr Sisulu as he stepped from a police van outside the small home in the Orlando West district that he had not seen for more than 25 years.

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Mr Sisulu, aged 77, cut a dapper figure in a smart grey suit and appeared to be in good health despite his long imprisonment. Youths who had kept vigil by his garden gate throughout the night immediately began singing, dancing and chanting ANC slogans.

Within an hour hundreds of friends and neighbours were crowding the street and clambering on to the garden wall to catch a glimpse of their hero. One of the first congratulatory telephone calls was said to have come from the office of President Gorbachov.

Mr Sisulu eventually emerged on to the front stoep of his house, hugging his wife Albertina, also a prominent anti-apartheid leader. He was greeted by tumultuous cries of "Viva Sisulu, viva" and the unfurling of an ANC flag.

"I'm on top of the world. The best thing of all is the joy of the people."

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Family medicine rebellion

Doctors threaten to resign

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Family doctors are threatening to resign en masse from the health service and charge patients fees, in a rebellion against new contracts which the Government will impose on them formally today.

The British Medical Association gave a warning yesterday that general practitioners were voicing "seething discontent at every level" over the contracts, which they have rejected in a ballot by a majority of three to one. A work-to-rule is unlikely, the association said.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, is to announce the final details of the contracts today. He said yesterday that GPs who withdrew their services would show a lack of committment to the health service.

The BMA is considering militant proposals which include mass resignations and a system of charges in which patients would be asked to pay a £75-a-year subscription to their GP.

Alternatively, doctors would charge just under £2 a week for adults, and £1 a week for children and the elderly, with a £1 charge for a surgery consultation, about £5 for a home visit, and £12 for a night visit.

Patients not on a doctor's list would be hit by much higher charges — £30 for a consultation, £60 for a home

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UK to abstain in vote on Hong Kong ivory

From Michael McCarthy, Lausanne

Britain intends to abstain this week in the crucial vote on whether the huge stockpile of ivory in Hong Kong should be exempt from any ivory trade ban brought in to save the African elephant.

Abstention is seen by the Government as the only way to preserve its environmental reputation while avoiding anything that may be seen in the crown colony as a snub. Relations with Hong Kong are very delicate in the aftermath of the Peking massacre and the arguments about future British nationality for the Hong Kong Chinese.

But the failure to vote positively for a complete ban on the ivory trade will draw fierce criticism from conservation organizations. Greenpeace said last night it would be unforgiveable.

● London Zoo is considering freezing sperm from the African elephant and the black rhino in case they become extinct in the wild.

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Arms find sparks fears of acid house criminals

By David Sapsted

Police voiced fears yesterday that hardened criminals were moving in to exploit the "acid house" craze after a revolver, two shotguns, knives and drugs were seized at a party in Essex that brought chaos to the M25 overnight and led to 83 arrests.

More than 200 officers from Essex, Kent and the Metropolitan Police were involved in the eight-hour operation, which lasted until 6am yesterday, to prevent the party being held on a field close to the M25 at Baldwin's Farm, south Ockendon, Essex.

As police moved in at about midnight to prevent the event getting out of hand, an estimated 2,000 would-be partygoers arrived in convoys of vehicles, parking them on the M25 hard shoulder and then dashing across the motorway to the venue.

Chief Superintendent Michael Brewer, who headed the police operation, said: "It is a miracle no one was killed. We had already closed the party down shortly after midnight following complaints from residents.

"But the fans kept arriving in convoys of cars throughout the night. They could see the two huge circus tents on the site fom the road. When they found they couldn't get to it they just parked their cars on the hard shoulder and ran across the motorway.

"It was horrifying. At one point we had 100 men stretched out along the motorway just to prevent a disaster."

Police were involved in a number of scuffles with young people on the motorway, on which a 20mph limit had to be imposed, but no one was seriously hurt.

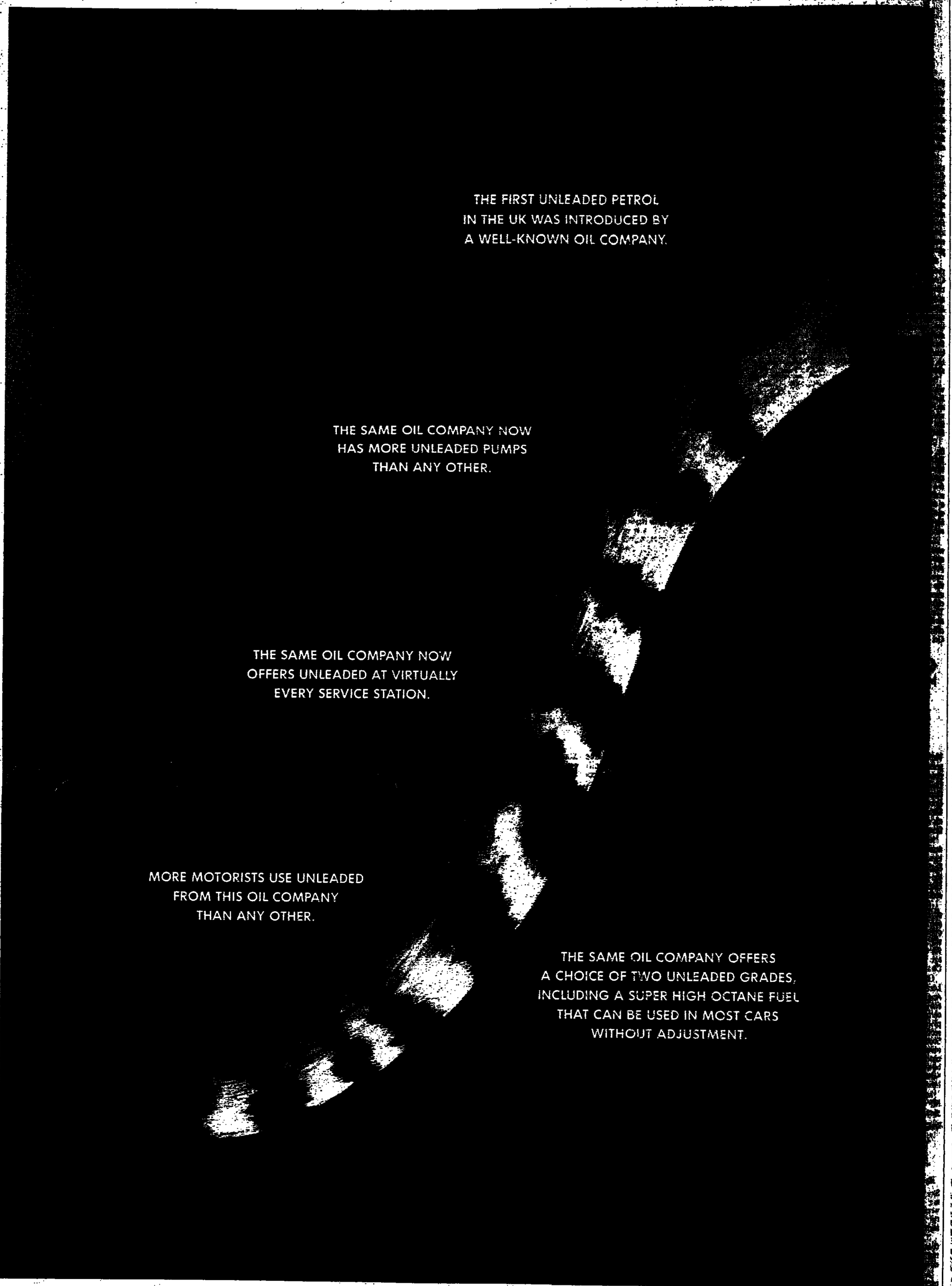
Inspector Roy Clar, of the Essex police, said the firearms — a .38 revolver, a sawn-off shotgun and a pump-action shotgun — were found in a vehicle at the site, which was patrolled by self-styled security guards.

He described the discovery of the guns, along with three illegal lock-knives, as "highly disturbing."

"There have been attempts to portray acid house parties as harmless gatherings of teenage dance fans," he said. "But a pump-action shotgun isn't the kind of thing you take to an innocent party. We are increasingly concerned that a hard-core criminal element is moving in on these events."

Organizers and security personnel were among those arrested for conspiracy to cause a public nuisance, breach of the peace, possession of offensive weapons and possession of drugs. They were taken to police stations in Rayleigh, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Grays and Romford.

● In Southbourne, Sussex, on Saturday outnumbered police could only watch as about 2,000 acid house partygoers danced the night away in a barn. A similar party involving 300 people in a disused car showroom in Cheltenham was ended by police at 4.30 am yesterday.



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Thatcher's green image at stake in ivory ban vote

From Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent, Lausanne

Britain intends to abstain this week in the vote on whether the large stockpile of ivory held in Hong Kong should be emptied from any ivory tradethan brought in to secure the future of the African elephant.

Although the vote at the meeting in Switzerland of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) is thought likely to go against Hong Kong, Britain's action will draw criticism from conservation organizations. Greenpeace said last night it would be unforgivable.

Britain will be breaking ranks with other European Community countries in abstaining. Should the vote by any chance go in favour of allowing the colony's ivory merchants to continue trading, thus, in the view of the many conservationists, frustrating the purpose of a ban, the abstention would lead to Britain being comprehensively pilloried.

Severe and lasting damage would be done to the United Kingdom's international environmental reputation, which Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been so concerned to foster for the past year.

Either way, matters will not be helped by the fact that Britain's failure to vote positively for a complete ivory trade ban will be defended to the world in Lausanne not by a senior diplomat, still less by a minister, but by a middle-ranking civil servant from the Department of the Environment in Bristol.

Some observers wonder if ministers in London have quite thought through the full political implications of this conference, or realized that the United Kingdom's reputation for environmental concern may be put on the line. The 11-man British delegation, which includes three officials of the Hong Kong Government, resolutely refused all last week to give any indication of how Britain would vote on the question of the colony's ivory stockpile, hinting that minds were not yet made up.

But at a closed meeting on Wednesday of the EC countries, the British delegation head, Mr Chris Folland, from the Department of the Environment's Wildlife Division based in Bristol, told EC delegates that Britain would be abstaining.

It is understood that the other EC countries have accepted that on the grounds that the interests of Hong Kong, as a dependent territory, are separate and distinct from those of Britain. They themselves will be voting en bloc against any exemption.

Hong Kong merchants hold about 670 tons of ivory, worth £84 million, nearly all of which, conservationists contend, originally came from elephants that were killed illegally, even if it arrived in the colony with legal CITES certificates.

It is by far the largest stockpile of ivory in the world and regarded as crucial to a ban, since it alone would be enough to keep the ivory trade going for years.

Dr Simon Lyster, head of the World Wide Fund for Nature delegation, said that exemption of the stockpile would be "disastrous". The conference has heard a call for it to be banned, after the manner of the burning of the Kenyan stockpile of 12 tons carried out personally by President Daniel arap Moi on July 18.

Abstention in the vote, soundings taken by *The Times* at the weekend made clear, will be loudly characterized by conservation organizations as a betrayal of Britain's much-vaunted concern for the elephants' future.

Miss Isobel McCrea, the wildlife campaigner for Greenpeace, said last night: "This is the first major wildlife issue that has come up since this Government supposedly took on concern for Green issues. If the Government fails on this one, it will fail on them all."

However, the Government faces a near impossible dilemma in having to make a symbolic choice between the African elephant and the people of Hong Kong.

Since the great ill-feeling in the colony, in the wake of the massacre of students in Peking's Tiananmen Square in June, over the question of British residents' qualifications when Hong Kong is returned to China in 1997, the Government has been extremely anxious to avoid at all costs anything that could be interpreted in the colony as a snub.

A vote against the stockpile might be taken as a rebuff there. Dr Laurence Lee, the colony's director of agriculture and fisheries, was allowed as a member of the British delegation to put the case for exemption. Dr Lee said that 3,000 people depended on ivory carving for a living, many of them elderly craftsmen who would lose their livelihoods.

In the circumstances the decision to abstain in the vote has been considered by the Government as the only way out.

But the defence of such a difficult decision before the world's press and conservation organizations, at the moment the vote is taken, is being left to Mr Folland.

While an acknowledged expert in his own field of Wildlife trade licensing and enforcement, Mr Folland is unused to publicity and has had a difficult time trying to field the media pressure of the past week, a job which in any case many observers feel should be left to a politician.

If no more senior figure is able to present Britain's case in Lausanne when the abstention vote is cast, it may well go by default.

● London Zoo is planning to freeze the sex cells of both the African elephant and the black rhino in case wildlife conservation measures fail (Nick Nuttall writes).

The threatened species, to be part of the zoo's "cryogenic laboratory" project nearing completion in Regent's Park, could be resurrected at some future date if poaching and habitat destruction in Africa make them extinct in the wild.

Over the next few days the scientists are expecting to take delivery of a remarkable microscope developed by Planar of Cambridge.

The equipment is a linchpin in the attempt successfully to freeze the genetic blueprints of endangered species, according to Professor Tony Flint, the assistant director.

A two-year moratorium on the trade in ivory from all African elephants is being put forward today by Somalia, and may be the best hope for securing the elephant's future. It is a compromise between countries such as Kenya and Tanzania whose elephant populations have been decimated by poachers and which want an immediate permanent ban, and the southern African countries led by Zimbabwe, which think they can manage herds on a sustainable basis and wish to continue trading.

Somali proposes that animals from all countries should be included immediately on CITES's Appendix 1 so that no trade in products is allowed. Each country would be able to apply for the ban to be rescinded at the next CITES conference in 1991 if it could prove that its elephant population was stable, that it had proper management schemes, and that ivory trading would be strictly regulated.

Designing for the next decade

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Left to right: Paul Costelloe's striped blazer with matching shoes; Bruce Oldfield's mauve knife-pleated swing jacket with matching trousers with sash at hips; Costelloe's yellow flower-splashed cotton short-sleeved jacket and pleated skirt

Jean Muir affirms her authority

By Liz Smith
Fashion Editor

Caught between a Wall Street crunch and an invasion of international enthusiasts eager to capture the quirky, off-beat essence of a London look, British fashion designers have come up with a strange hybrid of style.

The weekend show schedule of designs for the new decade, with equal parts of elegance, outrageous fashion and sheer bad taste, did not give a strong sense of direction.

Jean Muir established her authority from the start. The simple jersey tunic emblazoned with bright blue sequins that opened the show had the Ford company logo scrawled on the front. It was her celebration as winner of Ford's British Design Award for 1989 and, with navy her signature colour, gave her an excuse to adapt as her slogan Henry Ford's famous line, "Any colour will do as long as it's navy blue".

Her easy-fit silhouette has softened even more for 1990.

Paul Costelloe vindicated his nomination for a British Fashion Council award in the category of British Classics with a collection that ran through the stylish basics of a contemporary wardrobe. Based in Ireland, he uses the resources of linen and tweed to create a gentle romantic style.

Bruce Oldfield restrained his natural flamboyance and showed a sober collection that flared and fluttered in a series of handkerchief point skirts with flying cutaway coats and knife-pleated short cropped jackets.

Arabella Pollen's chic line of bright linen jackets with flouncy skirts and pretty ruffled and scoop-necked linen dresses, which will no doubt sell well to her faithful following of clients around the world, failed like so many others to fill the fashion stage.

A full report on the London shows appears tomorrow on the Fashion Page.

Clash over indemnity

Director is sought for student top-up loans

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The Government, after months of negotiations with the commercial banks and building societies, has begun advertising for a managing director of an organization to run its "top-up" loans scheme for student maintenance.

Although no agreement has yet been signed with the financial organizations the Government hopes will run the scheme, which will be debated in the Commons on Friday, ministers have been seeking premises from which the organization would be run.

The advertisement for the managing director of the "quango" will have responsibility for recruiting about 250 staff to the headquarters, likely to be in Glasgow.

The scheme has been criticized by bodies ranging from the Confederation of British Industry and the Association of Graduate Recruiters to the National Union of Students.

One of the main objections to the scheme, which would allow all students to borrow about £420 a year while their grants were frozen at 1990 levels, is that their right to claim housing benefits would also be removed.

This, the student unions argue, will mean that large numbers of students are likely to be hundreds of pounds worse off. A further problem for ministers is that the banks are seeking an indemnity against a change of government which could end the loans scheme.

Yesterday Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, wrote to Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, demanding clarification of "the nature of the indemnity sought by the banks, and the likely cost to the Exchequer of the scheme's early termination".

He said that it "raises an important constitutional issue about the degree the government, by contractual decision, should bind any successor administration".

His argument was dismissed by one minister who said that it was "inconceivable" that any other government would have the resources to increase the maintenance grant to the levels of 1979.

"It would cost them hundreds of millions of pounds. In any case governments will always have to pay compensation if they cancel a contract."

Separating nature council will damage Tories, Buxton says

By David Sapsted

The Government was urged yesterday to abandon proposals to divide the Nature Conservancy Council into three — a move that has led Lord Buxton, one of the Conservatives' leading advisers on conservation, to resign from the organization.

Mr Nicholas Ridley announced immediately before he was replaced as Secretary of State for the Environment that the council would be split into English, Welsh and Scottish sections.

It was a "purely political decision which, in a UK context, looks trivial and opportunistic," Lord Buxton said yesterday. It was also one which could do serious damage to the standing of the Conservatives.

Of particular concern to Lord Buxton, former head of Anglia TV and pioneer of environmental issues with the company's *Survival* series, are plans to merge the Scottish section of the council with the Scottish Countryside Commission. Critics of the decision say conservation will be at risk because local bodies would be dominated by landed interests.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, wrote yesterday to Mr Chris Patten, Mr Ridley's successor, saying: "For heaven's sake, take a second look at what Nicholas Ridley did."

Mr Dalyell said: "What worries me are the agri-forestry units accountable to chartered accountants based in London making decisions in accordance with bank balances."

Lord Buxton said it was "idiotic" that the council should no longer be able to tackle questions of conservation of a national basis. "My concern was caused in the first instance by the report on forestry by the Highland Regional Council, which was transparently biased and ignored much of the scientific argument presented to it. The consultation paper on the NCC by the Scottish Office was largely hot air... if politics on that scale gain precedence over the UK's urgent environment needs, then it is more helpful for me to pursue the arguments from outside any government organization."



Lord Buxton: "Idiotic" decision to split council.

Lord Buxton, who is also a leading figure in the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the World Wide Fund for Nature, said it was not too late for Mr Patten to retrieve the situation by applying "uniform environmental policies and disciplines throughout our very small island."

If the minister did not do so, he said that Britain faced "international disdain".

● A stark warning that only a wholesale switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources could prevent "catastrophic" global warming in the next century was issued yesterday by one of the world's leading independent environmental organizations.

A report from Worldwatch, a Washington-based group partly funded by the United Nations, said that while the "environmental bandwagon" in western Europe was pushing governments towards alternative energy policies, the rest of the world — especially the United States — was dangerously lagging behind.

The greenhouse effect, mainly caused by emissions of carbon dioxide, could only be tackled by international action the report argued, *Slowing Global Warming: A Worldwide Strategy*.

Otherwise, it said, the results could be droughts affecting the world's big food-producing areas, the destruction of ecosystems caused by a shift in climatic zones, and threats to low-level land caused by rises in sea levels.

The report looked at the feasibility of a big expansion in nuclear energy as one way of decreasing carbon dioxide emissions but found problems posed by security and the need to dispose of millions of extra pounds of plutonium waste to be almost insurmountable.

Renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power, though more land intensive than nuclear, would be "most compatible with decentralized, market-based economies," the report said.

"Renewables will require large and sustained investments if they are to develop to their potential as replacements for fossil fuels."

Academic jargon warning

Academics have been told to "cut down on the jargon" and make their findings more intelligible to the layman by the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, which is giving £5 million to social research projects this year.

The York-based trust has issued a circular to researchers, mainly in British universities, on how to write in something approaching English rather than the academic jargon which many feel is designed more to baffle than enlighten.

Mr Roland Hurst, who has written the guideline, called *Reaching the Right People*, said: "The purpose of funding research into social evils is to influence the policy and decision makers. But some findings are hefty volumes, written in turgid prose with technical jargon and gobbledegook. No one has the time to read or try to understand them and the whole purpose is lost."

Researchers are being asked to produce a three-page summary in plain English with their detailed findings.

Rowntree, a millionaire confectionary manufacturer, set up his trust in 1904 "to search out the underlying cause of weaknesses and evil in the community".

Mr Hurst said: "The trustees want findings to wake up our leaders to social problems, not put them to sleep."

● A £250,000 appeal to pay for a national debate on the benefits of correct English was launched yesterday by the Plain English Campaign. One of its targets will be Common Market directives.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Lord Gowrie, the former Minister for the Arts, and Bernard Levin, the columnist, have already expressed interest in the National Plain English Conference, to be held in Cambridge next July.

Topics will include legal, business and medical English — and "1992 English".

PORTFOLIO BOND

Mr Arthur Southwell, of Ealing, west London, won Saturday's Portfolio Bond competition outright as sole claimant for the £2,000 prize.

Two readers redeemed their bonds against numbers published in last Wednesday's issue. They were Mr S A Morris, of Hastings, East Sussex, who receives £100, and Mr Guy Heslop, of South Croydon, south London, who wins £50.

Murdoch sets 5-year deadline for Sky

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Sky Television, whose four channels are losing more than £2 million a week, has been given five years to succeed, Mr Rupert Murdoch said last night.

If the pioneering satellite television company has not made a breakthrough by then it will be sold or shut down, he confirmed.

It is the first time the chief executive of News International has publicly stated a deadline for the high-risk venture. He hinted strongly that sales of satellite dishes over the forthcoming winter months would help to determine Sky's fate.

Mr Murdoch, appearing on Channel 4 in a rare full-scale interview, also spoke of his belief that Britain would soon undergo a religious revival; how he had mellowed his views about the Royal Family; when the BBC should consider scrapping the news; and why he is a Thatcherite — but most definitely not a Tory.

Sky Television, which was launched in February, and Times Newspapers, publishers of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, are subsidiaries of News International, publishers of *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *Today*, and Mr Murdoch said newspapers were his primary enthusiasm "and always will be".

With half a million homes in Britain now receiving Sky, and another 300,000 in the Irish Republic, Mr Murdoch said: "It's beginning to move. We'll have to see — it's by no means a success yet. We have to see what happens this winter. This is the time that people buy their electronic equipment."

Mr Murdoch, interviewed by Mary Goldring on the *Answering Back* programme, was asked if backing Sky, given its present large losses, was an open-ended commitment. "I don't know about open-ended, but let's say five years. It's going to take time to do this and to break through. It took five years for VCRs (video recorders) to catch on. I don't know how many years for colour television.

"Certainly there are many, many more people today at the end of, what is it, eight months, with dishes than there were with colour television sets at the same time." After five years, he said, "we'll either have a few million people with dishes, subscribing and happy, or we'll have to admit we were wrong." Asked if that meant shutting down Sky, he added: "Oh, absolutely, unless someone else would like to buy it and try again."

He confirmed that newspapers like *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *Today* "very largely" reflected his views — Thatcherite, rather than Tory. Toryism meant conservatism, privilege and the old world while Thatcherism represented change for a new world, an opening up of opportunity for ordinary people.

He suggested the material benefits the people gained under Thatcherism might soon not be enough — and religion might fill the void.

Leadership post

Chief constables hire headhunters

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

Britain's chief constables have called in a firm of headhunters to find a suitable executive, policeman or former civil servant to become their new general secretary.

The Association of Chief Police Officers, representing over 270 leading policemen, is expanding and reorganizing to face the demands of the 1990s.

MSL, a recruitment specialist, wants a general secretary to handle the association's secretariat, prepare material for policy decisions and, on occasion, act as a spokesman.

Mr John Dellow, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and the association's new president, said the salary would be £40,000 plus. That is on a par with the salary of a chief constable with a small to medium size force.

The association draws up policy on behalf of chief constables through a series of six main committees, plus a chain of sub-committees, which pass on advice to the Home Office. It also negotiates pay and conditions for the country's top officers. It has depended on subscriptions from its members plus some help from government funds.

The association has included a small office of staff and relied on help from the staff of chief constables.

The chief constables believe the extensive operations of the Police Federation, which represents the most junior ranks, help that body to be seen as the voice of the police service.

The association is to receive extra public funds to allow it to take a more public role. Mr Dellow said the successful candidate would act like the chief executive of any professional body.

● The senior policeman leading the day to day investigation into the Hillsborough disaster yesterday dismissed a report that five South Yorkshire officers could face criminal charges as "fundamentally speculative".

Mr Mervyn Jones, assistant chief constable of West Midlands police, who are investigating the possibility of criminal culpability, said it was too early to raise the issue of charges.

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BBC may quit Bush House after blunder

The BBC World Service, whose broadcasting impartiality has recently resulted in record audiences round the globe, faces being moved out of its Bush House headquarters in London after a blunder by the Treasury (Richard Evans writes).

A rent review next year, which is expected to see its existing £3 million annual payments triple at least, plus large anticipated rate increases, have forced BBC chiefs to look for alternative accommodation.

Yet just five years ago the Treasury blocked a plan put forward by the BBC and supported by the Foreign Office to buy Bush House, then owned by a pensions fund, for £30 million, which would have ended future financial worries.

Treasury officials insisted it would not be a good investment, yet within months it was sold for £50 million, and in the next few weeks could be sold again to Japanese investors for £140 million.

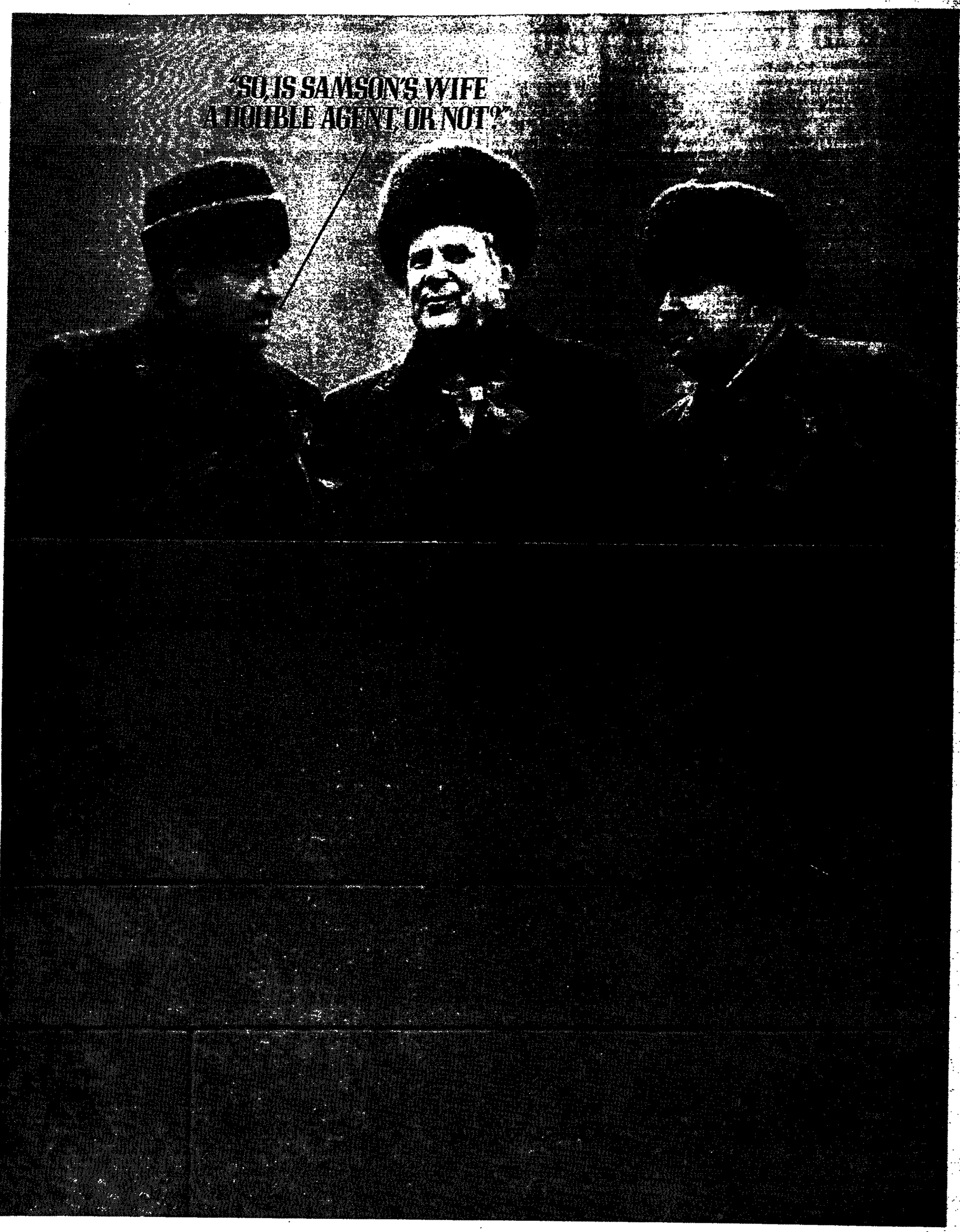
The BBC is now considering three options for rehousing the World Service, which broadcasts to 120 million listeners in 37 languages.

First, it could move to Broadcasting House, whose staff are due to move to the BBC's new White City complex during the 1990s. They would not, however, be able to transfer there until the middle or end of the decade, when the radio studios become vacant.

Second, the BBC could buy or build new premises, possibly on a "green field" or development site. King's Cross has been mentioned, but the cost might be prohibitive. Third, Bush House could still be bought. Over the years the BBC have made concerted attempts to persuade the Treasury to buy Bush House. A recently submitted request is now being considered in Whitehall, but there is limited belief that it will succeed.

In theory the BBC is under no obligation to vacate Bush House until 2005, when its lease expires. But the anticipated rent and rate increases, plus other financial pressures, make a move more urgent.

The World Service is funded by the Foreign Office but its three-year package announced in November 1987 was based on inflation remaining at about 5 per cent, with no allowance for subsequent increases. To make matters worse, Foreign Office increases in annual funding are 1.5 per cent below the set inflation rate — to take account of expected "efficiency" savings.



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NEWS ROUNDUP

Academics to seek 27% pay increase

University academics have voted to seek a 27 per cent pay increase for next year and have instructed the Association of University Teachers to plan industrial action if their demands are not met by vice chancellors (Sam Kiley writes).

On behalf of its 30,000 memebers, it also called for an additional increase for junior staff which would raise the university salary bill by 28.4 per cent. The union wants to increase the salary of the lowest paid academics to £12,458 and abolish the bottom scale of £9,816 to compete with the average graduate salary of about £10,500.

Miss Diana Warwick, general secretary of the union, said yesterday that she recognized that the claim was "pretty high" but that it reflected the "25 to 30 per cent decline of our salaries compared to civil servants, teachers and polytechnic lecturers over the last few years".

'Waite alive' pledge

Lambeth Palace confirmed yesterday it has been assured that Mr Terry Waite is alive after more than 1,000 days as a hostage in Lebanon. The unnamed informant, who is considered reliable, also gave assurances about two other missing Britons, Mr John McCarthy and Mr Brian Keenan, according to Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop of Canterbury's official residence.

The news came as churchgoers all over Britain were praying for Mr Waite, the archbishop's envoy, who this weekend spent his 1,000th day as a hostage.

'Green' fuel dispute

Conservationists have complained to the Advertising Standards Authority about advertisements for British Gas which claim that the fuel is the "greenest" available (Nick Nuttall writes). In a letter to the authority, Mr Stewart Boyle, the director of energy and environment for the Association for the Conservation of Energy, says the claims are misleading and untruthful as the campaign fails to say that the fuel is damaging the atmosphere and increasing global warming. He says research indicates that gas may be causing more harm than burning the same amount of oil.

Officer in rape inquiry

A uniformed inspector with Hampshire police has been suspended after being accused of raping a young woman detective at Bramshill College, the country's leading police staff training college. A senior officer from Thames Valley police is leading the investigation into the alleged rape, which is said to have occurred after more than 200 police officers and staff attended a guests' evening at the college in Hartley Wintney, near Basingstoke, Hampshire. The suspended officer was on a command training course at the college. He is expected to be interviewed this week.

Bird species at risk

More than a third of birds living in Britain are threatened by pollution, poisoning, changing land use and the impact of humans, according to a conservation review by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which says 116 species are in serious decline. Of those, 40 are most at risk, with barn owls, grey partridges and nightjars among the most threatened. Common birds such as blackbirds are not immune.

● Agriculture was the main cause of damage to 230 key wildlife sites over 72,000 acres in Britain in the past 12 months, according to figures from the Friends of the Earth.

Medical chair funded

An international drugs company is to spend £1 million funding a new medical professorship at Cambridge University. Serono Diagnostics will finance a chair in molecular endocrinology and support a professor, yet to be appointed, together with a team of three researchers for five years. The move will enable the study of illnesses associated with the function of glands, especially diabetes and thyroid disorders. The appointment is the culmination of extensive co-operation between the company and the university's department of clinical biochemistry.

Operation aimed at identifying republican sympathizers in West Germany

Inquiry as IRA gets MI5 dossier on terror

By Edward Gorman
Ian Murray and
Michael Evans

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday called for a comprehensive review of the basis and role of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Speaking at the Fianna Fail annual commemoration at the grave of Wolfe Tone in Bodenstown, Co Kildare, Mr Haughey said a thorough review was the least that was required if the security forces in Northern Ireland were to command public confidence.

Britain's security and intelligence services are involved in a "damage assessment" inquiry after claims by the IRA that it has documents relating to secret operations by MI5, MI6 and military intelligence to counter terrorist actions against British servicemen in West Germany.

Details from two intelligence memoranda — one five pages long and an appendix marked "UK Secret" — which include the names of two operations, codenamed Ward and Scream, were published over the weekend by the *Sunday Tribune* in Dublin.

Although British officials have not been able to verify the documents, there appears to be little doubt that the material is geniune. It is acknowledged that the leak of such documents, containing names of MI5 and MI6 officers as well as those of informants used by British intelligence in West Germany, is a serious breach of security.

However, it was being emphasized last night by officials that the documents were dated from the early 1980s, the implication being that those named in the memoranda could not now be compromised.

The IRA, which is clearly seeking to make as much publicity capital as possible out of the leaked documents, may have been able to take advantage of the information in the memoranda in planning attacks on British personnel in West Germany over the past two years.

The leak of such classified documents is embarrassing for the Government and is bound to undermine the morale of the security and intelligence services, undoubtedly the aim of the IRA.

According to the *Sunday Tribune*, the documents were written between October 1983 and January 1984 by officers of the British Services Security Organization (BSSO), which is based at the British Army of the Rhine and RAF Germany joint headquarters in Rheindalen and liaises with MI5 and its German counterpart, State Office for the Protection of the Constitution.

It is not clear how long the IRA has been in possession of the documents but its decision to publicize the contents is an admission that they have outlived their usefulness. The damage assessment inquiry will undoubtedly focus on where the original leak may have occurred.

The first operation described in the documents, codenamed Scream, was allegedly a joint MI5-MI6 venture to place agents from Britain and Ireland among the Irish communities in West German cities, with the aim of identifying IRA sympathizers.

The second, codenamed Ward and apparently set up in 1981, successfully recruited Irish and British people already working in West Germany to "identify republican sympathizers who might be or become involved in covert IRA activities". In Bonn yesterday, officials refused to comment on alleged statements in the documents that the original British covert operation was carried out without the knowledge of the German authorities.

According to the *Sunday Tribune*, the then head of operations in MI5's F branch, which controls operations against the IRA, and an MI6 officer who acted as the chairman of the Ward Control Group are openly identified in the documents.

Last night, the Ministry of Defence said in London: "We do not comment on security issues. Security in the Federal Republic and measures taken to prevent terrorism are the responsibility of the federal authorities."

Extra work hours request goes to air controllers

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Air traffic controllers have been asked to work overtime in an attempt to overcome a manning crisis at Britain's main air traffic control centre at West Drayton.

Angry union leaders have criticized the move by the Civil Aviation Authority and instructed their members to ignore the plea.

Letters requesting volunteers for overtime working were sent out to more than 300 men and women employed at West Drayton last week when it became clear that drastic measures would have to be taken to fill the shortage of controllers even during the comparative slack winter flying period.

The letters said that the extent of the shortage was "clear for all to see" and offered controllers between £74 and £164 depending on their seniority to work an extra eight-and-a-half-hour-shift a week.

Controllers immediately contacted their union, the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, which has been in negotiation with the CAA to work out an emergency package aimed at easing present manpower shortage.

Mr Bill Brett, leader of the institute, said last night: "We have instructed our members not to accept this overtime. We have been in negotiation with the CAA for some time about ways of solving the present crisis and to do it in this way is just not acceptable.

"Far from asking people to work longer we are now pressing for controllers to be subjected to the same working-hours limitations which are imposed on pilots and cabin crews. If a short-term measure is needed then it should be properly structured to ensure that no one is stressed or overworked. You cannot just ask a man or woman to decide how much they can work in these highly stressed and critical conditions."

The CAA is spending £600 million in the next few years to re-equip control centres and radar sites throughout the country. As a result it is having to call in dozens of working controllers to test the new equipment and to be trained in how to use it. This leaves West Drayton controllers, already operating at least 20 per cent below establishment, still further understaffed. Four control positions have been closed permanently because of the shortage leading to further delays on the ground as those still working have to ration the number of aircraft they can handle.

"The CAA have told us that we cannot do second jobs without getting their permission because we might get too tired for our main job," one controller said yesterday. "Yet now they want us to work on our day off. It does not make sense and a lot of people are very angry about it. It is worrying from a safety point of view."

Mr Chris Stock, president of the Guild of Air Traffic Controllers, said that the authority was now discovering the truth of repeated warnings that a manpower crisis was looming.

"That crisis is now with us and we are faced with a really desperate situation," he said. "They have not asked anyone in the London centre to work overtime before because they know that the pressure... means that you must have at least two days off to rest and recharge the batteries."

The authority said that the overtime request had been made because of the need to meet a serious but short-term staffing difficulty. "It will be very carefully monitored and controllers will only be asked to work for one day at the end of their normal ten-day working cycle," a spokesman said.

"Each individual will be checked to ensure they are not tired or under stress before being allowed to work the additional shifts. We are only seeking highly qualified people; the whole scheme will be tightly regulated. We do not regard it as in any way inconsistent with our policy on secondary working over which we had no control until we introduced our recent checks."

Quiet debut for Russian dancer

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Stanislav Chassov (left), the Russian ballet dancer who quietly abandoned the Bolshoi Ballet at the end of their summer tour of Britain, gave a preview of his skills (right) before an audience of 200 at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, on Saturday (Daniel Treisman and Robin Young write).

Chassov, aged 26, was a principal dancer with the Bolshoi and performed leading roles with the company in London this summer. He had visited 20 countries in four continents with the ballet before the British visit. During the company's stay he contacted the London City Ballet and, having demonstrated his technique at one of their classes, was invited to join.

"I knew that I had to test my strength in the West, to try different choreographies and styles," Chassov said yesterday. "At the Bolshoi there cannot be any experiments. The repertoire is all classical. There are some contemporary works, but nothing modern. I am a professional and I have to grow. I cannot stay doing the same thing forever."

The dancer has spent several weeks staying with Jaakko Helkavaara, the Finnish ballet master of London City Ballet who was himself a graduate of Mikhail Baryshnikov's class at the Kirov Ballet in Leningrad. Although Chassov attended classes he would not rehearse until he secured a British work permit. He was granted this on Friday and on Saturday, after one rehearsal, took a small role in the company's production of *La Traviata*.

"I think the London City Ballet is a good troupe, but naturally they have a different schooling from mine. In the London City Ballet everything is possible," he said.

Chassov, who has left his wife and son in Moscow, denies that he is a defector. "I am not a political person, but just an artist", he says.

£75m underwater station planned

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

A £75 million underwater Underground station is being planned for the Canary Wharf office development and the proposed extension of the Jubilee Line from Green Park to Stratford via London Docklands.

Located at the bottom of a disused dock between Canary Wharf and Heron Quay, the station will be accessible from escalators descending to a 50 ft wide platform 62 ft below the waterline, covered with a glass roof letting in daylight.

A Bill for the £900 million East London rail link is expected to be submitted to Parliament next month, provided the private sector is prepared to put up a substantial amount of the costs.

Olympia & York, the Canary Wharf developer, is said to have put up an estimated £200 million towards the scheme, while other landowners and property developers have also proposed contributions.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, is understood to be looking for four fifths of the costs of the scheme from the private sector before approving the project, which is needed to serve the commercial and residential areas of Docklands.

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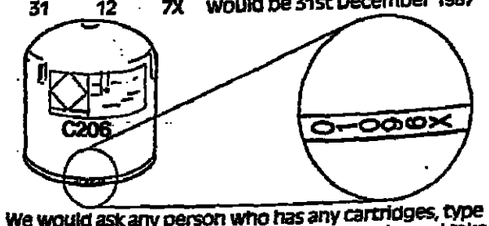
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Spending battle nears deadline

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will make a final attempt this week to conclude an agreement with spending ministers that would prevent the Star Chamber having to sit in judgment on competing public expenditure claims.

He has reached a settlement with several key ministers but disputes over education, transport and social security spending might have to be resolved by the chamber, which will be chaired for the first time by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Commons leader.

The most difficult and protracted dispute appears to be in education as Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, is a former chief secretary and has a tough reputation on spending.

Mr MacGregor believes an improvement in school standards and in the status of teachers needs a large budget.

Among those ministers who have either settled, or are close to settling, with Mr Lamont are Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health. Mr Patten's bid for extra spending on housing was cut in return for the concessions he gained from the Treasury to ease the introduction of the poll tax. However, he has won £100 million for housing projects by councils in the inner cities.

Mr Tony Newton, the Secretary of State for Social Security, is still in dispute over child benefit.

Sir Geoffrey's role as chairman of the Star Chamber was part of the deal he secured when he was moved in the July reshuffle.

● Mr Paddy Ashdown is preparing to rebut suggestions of a Liberal takeover of the old Alliance parties as he is expected to announce this morning that the third force in British politics will be known as the Liberal Democrats.

A ballot of its 84,000 members is believed to have come down strongly in favour of the new "short title" to replace that of Democrats which was widely felt to have hampered the party's performance in the European elections.

Mr Ashdown is expected to emphasize the success of former SDP figures in elections to senior party posts, including those for the executive and policy committee.

As Mr Ashdown leads the fightback, Mr David Steel, the former Liberal leader, is expected to gain a more prominent role in the party's affairs.

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Illegal Costa homes of retired Britons face the bulldozers

From Harry Debelius, Madrid, and Christopher Warman

Homebuyers in the Costa del Sol, many of them British, face the prospect of having their retirement dreams and life's savings bulldozed into rubble.

They have been caught unawares in a crackdown on developers who allegedly violated building restrictions. Armed civil guard policemen are now keeping a watch on certain building sites.

Earlier this month the Civil Guard escorted officials of the Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development when they delivered court orders to halt construction at two of the 15 sites which the government claims lack valid permits or violate provisions of a new law designed to protect the coastal environment.

About 800 flats and houses on 15 estates close to the sea, in the townships of Estepona, Manilva and Torrox, are said to be illegal. Some are unfinished, some not even started and some are occupied, but nearly all have been sold to unsuspecting buyers, many of them foreigners. Purchasers have reportedly advanced amounts ranging from £10,000. Some have paid prices of up to £86,000 in full.

Among the unlucky victims are Tom and Richia Tutton, who have paid £19,000 towards their £68,000 two-bedroom flat on the front line at Aldea Beach, Manilva.

Mr Tom Tutton, a stockbroker from Manchester, said yesterday that they had heard of the development after Leslie Ayling, of Gibraltar, was appointed exclusive sales agent.

"We had a look at it, liked it and paid our initial deposit in January 1988. By November, after we had paid a further 20 per cent deposit, nothing had happened. By this Easter, when still nothing had happened I got bothered.

"By then Ayling had stopped acting for the development. It appears the developer only had a provisional licence, and potential buyers were misled. I was eventually offered an alternative property, without a direct sea view, and turned it down. I have been unable to get any money back, and do not know if I will."

Mr Tutton said that he had used local lawyers who checked to make sure the purchase was legally sound.

Mr Ayling, who parted company with the developer a year ago, said: "We were totally unaware that there was anything illegal."

No one knows how long it will take to sort out the legal dispute, and local lawyers say the chances of buyers eventually getting some or all of their money back depend on the speed of Spanish justice, the individual contracts signed by buyers and the solvency of the developers.

Sr Rafael Contreras, spokesman for the civil governor's office in Malaga, claimed that in some cases permits were granted by municipal authorities in Estepona just two days before the date on which they knew that the new law of the coasts would come into effect.

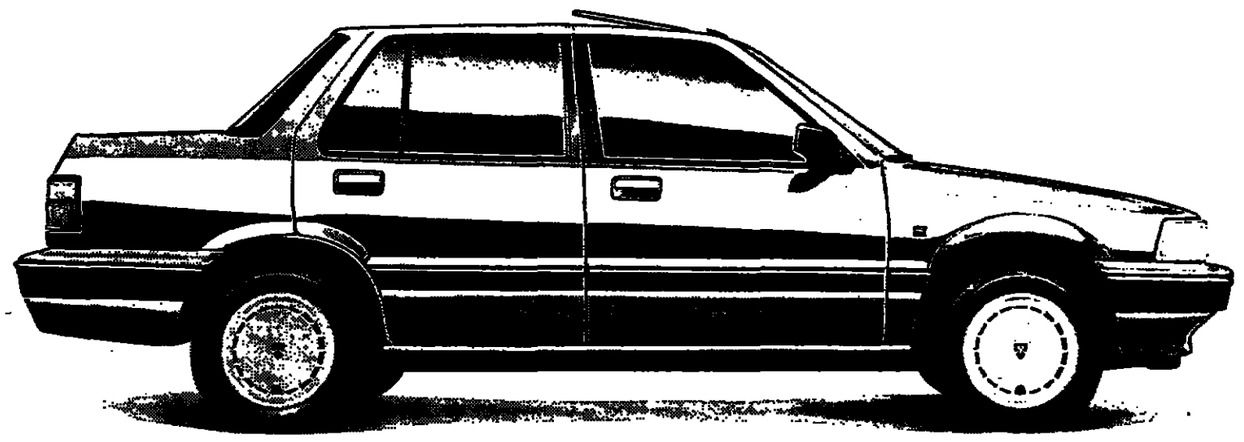
Under the law of the coasts, a dwelling which is sited too close to the sea may be destroyed or, in some cases, its owners may be allowed to inhabit it for 20 years, after which it becomes the property of the state without compensation.

Horse who survived IRA bombs retires



Copenhagen, a Household Cavalry horse, is looking forward to retirement this week. Flanked by troopers Keith Oxley and Tim Pearse at Hyde Park Barracks, he is the last working horse to survive the IRA bombing in Hyde Park which killed nine people and injured many others on July 20, 1982.

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World chess championship

Speelman faces D-Day in battle against Timman

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Unless Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster, takes his last permitted time-out, today will be D-Day in Jon Speelman's campaign to qualify for the World Chess Championship final and become a millionaire.

On Saturday, in a dramatic game at Sadler's Wells Theatre in London, Speelman rediscovered the form which helped to demolish Nigel Short in last year's World Championship quarter final.

Playing with the black pieces, regarded as a handicap among internationally classed players, Speelman swept to victory in the seventh game against Timman.

Speelman shocked the Dutchman in the third move by employing the high risk Schliemann Variation against the Ruylopez. For 15 moves the players followed known paths but whereas Speelman consumed only 20 minutes over these moves, Timman seemed unaware of the past history of this line, and used up about an hour and a half. That left Timman only half an hour for the final 25 moves of the first session of play.

Pressed for time, he exchanged a bishop for a knight prematurely on the 23rd move in the vain hope of establishing a drawn position. Speelman's counterattack on the 27th move used the black's queen, rook and pawns to sweep Timman from the board with alarming speed.

After Speelman's 30th move, which won a bishop and threatened checkmate, Timman capitulated.

Having been the underdog for so long Speelman's crushing victory in this game gives him the psychological edge before the crucial eighth game. The match score is now level at 3½ points each.

Speelman, Britain's first world chess semi-finalist, will take the white pieces in eighth game.

The task of his chief second, Jon Tisdall, is to assemble information processed by computer link from the latest games around the world.

Tisdall, a former champion of Norway, is in turn assisted by Marianne Hagen, Norwegian ladies champion. Last year she unearthed a crucial innovation which contributed to Short's destruction by Speelman in the third game of their quarter final.

Timman remains a cunning, powerful and highly experienced opponent who never loses heart. He is supported by a front-rank team of international experts, including the Swedish grandmaster Ulf Andersson and the Hungarian grandmaster Julius Sax. Timman has Mr Bessel Kok, the Belgian/Dutch millionaire and chairman of the Grandmasters' Association, as a powerful backer.

The eighth game will be a battle royal. The winner will reap the £1 million bonus award offered by the West German computer company Hegener and Glaser for the first Western grandmaster to challenge Gary Kasparov.

Meanwhile, in the other semi-final Artur Yusupov came within an ace of scoring a second successive victory in the sixth game of his match against Anatoly Karpov. Playing black in a Queen's Gambit Yusupov launched a threatening attack against Karpov's king with his 20th and 21st moves. In order to parry Karpov had to lose a pawn which he swiftly regained, but he still had to face a markedly inferior end game of rooks and pawns where Yusupov's two connected passed pawns on the queen's flank gave him outstanding chances of victory.

Unfortunately for Yusupov the younger and more inexperienced man in this match, pitted against an ex-champion who had been his hero for many years, loss of nerve at the crucial moment deprived him of his well-earned victory. Inaccurate handling of the end game on the 37th and 38th moves gave Karpov an avenue of escape which he seized. When he played his 39th move, which secured the draw, Karpov broke out into a broad grin. The draw was officially agreed seven moves later. The score is 3-3 with two games left to play before extra time.

Timman v Speelman

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	d5	17 Bxf7	Rfd8
2 Nf3	Ne6	18 Bc4	Rde8
3 Bb5	f5	19 d5	c5
4 Ne3	Bxe4	20 Rhf1	Kb8
5 Nxe4	d5	21 Bf4	Rd8
6 Nxe6	dxe4	22 Bg5	a6
7 Nxc5	Qg5	23 Bxd8	gxf6
8 Qe2	Nf6	24 Qxe4	Qxb5
9 f4	Qxd4	25 Rh1	Qxg5
10 Ne5+	c6	26 Rxh7	Rfe8
11 d4	Qh4+	27 Qf5	b5
12 g3	Qh3	28 Bf1	Re7
13 Bc4	Be6	29 Qh5	Qf4+
14 Bg5	0-0-0	30 Kb1	Qxf1
15 0-0-0	Bc6	white resigns	
16 Nf7	Bxf7		

Karpov v Yusopov

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	Nf6	24 Rxe2	f5
2 c4	e6	25 Bf3	Rd7
3 Nf3	d5	26 Rbc1	Ne8
4 Nc3	Be7	27 Bxd5+	Rxd5
5 Bg5	0-0	28 Rxc7	Rxc7
6 e3	h6	29 Rxc7	Re5
7 Bh4	Ne4	30 d5	Kf8
8 Bxe7	Qxe7	31 d6	Ke8
9 cxd5	Nxc3	32 Rxg7	Rxd2
10 bxc3	exd5	33 Kg1	a5
11 Qb3	Rd8	34 Re7+	Kd8
12 c4	dxc4	35 e4	fxe4
13 Bxc4	Nc6	36 Rb7	a4
14 Qc3	Bg4	37 Kf1	e5
15 0-0	Rxf3	38 Rdb5	a3
16 gxf3	Qf6	39 Re8	Rf8=
17 Be2	Rac8	40 Ke1	a2
18 Rab1	b6	41 f5	Kd7
19 Rfc1	Ne7	42 f6	Ke6
20 Kh1	Rd8	43 Re8	Rxd6
21 Qc2	Qh4	44 f7	Rd7.
22 f4	Qxf2	45 Rxa2	Ke6.
23 Bg4	Qxc2	46 Re6	

drawn



Jan Timman: Facing battle.



Jon Speelman: Levelled up.

Drug firm launches insulin inquiry after young diabetics die

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Clinical studies into possible side-effects of human insulin have been launched by a leading drug company after reports of at least 17 sudden deaths among diabetics who used the product.

However, the company, Danish-based Novo Nordisk, yesterday urged patients not to change the type of insulin they use without consulting their doctor. It insisted the product was "safe and effective".

Last week doctors reported an "alarming rise" in unexpected deaths among young diabetics who regularly injected themselves with genetically engineered insulin to control blood sugar levels.

The Department of Health and the Committee on the Safety of Medicines have asked all manufacturers to put warnings on insulin packets.

Specialists believe that in rare cases, diabetic patients do not realize they are suffering from hypoglycaemia (blood sugar deficiency) after using the product, which has widely replaced insulin derived from animals in recent years.

Unless treated, hypoglycaemia can cause a fatal coma. With animal insulin, early warning signs of low blood sugar, such as sweating and palpitations, were easily recognizable, but the human-derived version is thought by some specialists to produce less noticeable symptoms.

Dr Robert Tattersall, of University Hospital, Nottingham, and senior medical adviser to the British Diabetic Association, said: "We are desperately trying to find out the facts. Anyone whose diabetic relative aged under 40 has died suddenly should contact us so that each case can be investigated."

Novo Nordisk said: "All forms of insulin, both animal and human, may cause hypoglycaemia. Unawareness of hypoglycaemia is a known phenomenon, particularly among well-controlled diabetics, regardless of the type of insulin they use."

The company said it had started clinical studies, in co-operation with the British Diabetic Association, to "clarify the situation".

It drew attention to a statement issued last Thursday by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines which said: "It must be emphasized that it is by no means clear that loss of warning symptoms of hypoglycaemia is a problem peculiar to human insulin."

The committee also said it strongly urged all diabetics to consult their doctor before deciding whether to change their insulin.

The alert was raised last week by Dr Patrick Toseland, a toxicologist who is head of medical chemistry at Guy's Hospital, London, who routinely investigates unexpected deaths in which there could be a possibility of accidental or deliberate poisoning.

He had seen "an alarming rise" in sudden deaths among diabetics this year, particularly those aged under 25. "I cannot explain it, but there is a cause for concern."

● According to a report published today, the cost to the health service of treating diabetes this year will be about £1 billion.

The Office of Health Economics says that there may be more than a million sufferers of the condition, although little more than half of them have been diagnosed by doctors.

The report says that the known death rate from diabetes has been rising recently in Britain, but puts this down to changes in the system of recording causes of death. It says there is some evidence that children may be developing the insulin-dependent form of the condition at an earlier age.

Diabetes: A model for health care management (Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY; £1.50).

Parliament builder cast into history



Mr Jack Pooler, a sculptor based in Norfolk, chisels clay to form the features of Sir Samuel Morton Peto, the Victorian civil engineer who built the Houses of Parliament, Nelson's column and the Eastern Counties Railways. The bronze of Sir Samuel, also from Norfolk, will be placed in Norwich Thorpe Station, one of many buildings he completed. It will be unveiled, 100 years after his death on November 13, by his great grandson, Sir Henry Peto.

Russell manuscript

Fresh light on writers' feud

By John Shaw

Scribbled comments in the margin of a book to be sold at auction this week help to explain the famous literary feud between D H Lawrence and Bertrand Russell.

Their friendship bloomed and faded within a year after Lawrence criticized Russell's work. The remarks cut deep, and the novelist was later credited with the power of evil by his erstwhile admirer.

A copy of Russell's "philosophical essays" published in 1910 indicate the beginnings of the rift. It is annotated in pencil by Lawrence and appears in a sale of autograph letters and books at Phillips in London on Thursday.

Lady Ottoline Morrell, the hostess, gave the book to Lawrence as he was finishing *The Rainbow* in 1915. She was then engaged in a tempestuous affair with Russell.

The two men met in February; they were impressed with each other and Lady Ottoline recalled in her memoirs: "Bertie Russell, as we drove away, exclaimed: 'He is amazing; he sees through and through one ... he is infallible.'"

Disillusion set in, especially after another meeting the following month in Cambridge. Nevertheless, they kept up a correspondence and Russell sent Lawrence a draft of "philosophy of social construction" in September.

Lawrence disliked it and said so in reply. Russell wrote subsequently: "For 24 hours I thought I was not fit to live and contemplated committing suicide."

Mr Felix Prior, manuscript consultant at Phillips, said yesterday: "Lawrence trusted human instinct and blood more than Russell, who was much more into the cerebral things of life. It was a great clash of personalities, which was a shame really because they actually had a lot in common. They were both very distinguished men but I think Lawrence was the greater character."

In his essays, Russell sees tragedy as "the proudest and most triumphant of the arts, building its shining citadel in the very centre of the enemy's country".

Lawrence disagrees, scribbling: "It is not so. Tragedy ... shows man at a loss before life and nature, fighting to become himself, and suddenly or gradually finding his place — his way."

The lot, put in by a private owner, is estimated at £2,000 to £3,000.

In New York on Saturday, a successful furniture sale at Christie's made £1.5 million. A pair of George III satinwood and giltwood console tables, the top lot, sold well ahead of estimate at £102,903 to the European trade.

A Regency penwork, with exotic Indo-Chinese subject matter attributed to Henzell Gooch, went to an American dealer for £78,065, and a pair of George III giltwood mirrors went to an American private buyer for £74,516.

Counselling success

A telephone helpline service set up two years ago for victims of sexual abuse in Leeds has received calls from all over Britain, it was disclosed today.

Touchline was set up by the National Children's Home as an anonymous counselling service after police and social workers uncovered an unprecedented number of cases involving more than 200 children. A report on the service said it receives an average 30 calls a week from all over the country, many from people aged from 15 to 30.

Driver sought

Police are hunting the driver of a new, white Volvo estate after a couple died when their van left a lane between Dorchester and Yeovil, in Somerset, and hit a tree.

Flight stopped

A BAC One-Eleven aircraft, flying to Dublin with 80 passengers, made an emergency landing at Heathrow airport after the pilot had to shut down an engine.

Japanese class

Shopkeepers and hoteliers in Haworth, West Yorkshire, the home of the Brontë sisters, are learning Japanese phrases to cater for tourists.

Girl assaulted

Police are hunting a man described as white, 5ft 9 in, and bearded, who indecently assaulted a girl aged eight at Hawksworth, Leeds.

Hospital party

Mr Bob Wyer, aged 73, of Cardiff, who won £1 million on the pools, is planning a party for staff at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, where he had a stomach operation this year.

Water warning

There will be a drought in south-east Wales by Christmas unless it rains continuously for a week, the Welsh Water Authority said.

Rapist hunted

Police are hunting a man who abducted a woman in Corby, Northamptonshire, and repeatedly raped her during seven hours in his Cortina.

Glider killed

A glider pilot, aged 26, was killed instantly yesterday when her plane crashed on landing at the Channel Gliding Club at Waldershire Park, Whitfield, near Dover, Kent.

Sticky choice

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has sent a banana and toffee pie recipe to schoolchildren at Carbrooke, Norfolk, for a book of famous people's recipes.

And for worse

A groom who argued with his bride and threw furniture out of the their sixth-floor room at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, East Sussex, spent much of his wedding night in jail.

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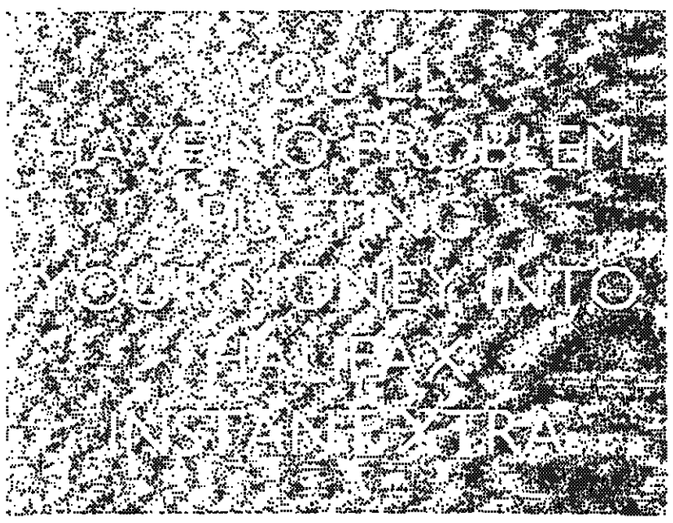
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'Threat to independent judiciary after 600 years'

Magistrates fight radical reform for court funding

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates in England and Wales have told the Home Office that its plans to centralize their administration and funding pose a serious threat to their independence.

They are concerned that the recent Home Office scrutiny report, which urges a radical overhaul of the way the magistrates' courts are run, envisages only a "token" input for magistrates under the proposed new central administration.

Mr John Hosking, chairman of the association, said: "After 600 years of managing our own affairs, we are not very happy with finding just a couple of representatives on the proposed main board."

He said that was linked with the widespread fear among magistrates that "if we do not have a reasonable input, however hard the Home Office and the new organization might try, they will find it very difficult to leave us with some degree of financial independence as we have now".

The issue of independence in the context of funding of the magistrates' courts' service is to be one of the key debates at the annual general meeting of the Magistrates' Association on Friday.

A resolution, likely to be overwhelmingly endorsed, views "with grave concern" the "lack of commitment" by the Government in providing proper resources to enable the lay magistracy to maintain its independent judicial role.

Mr Hosking said magistrates were concerned that officials looking at reorganizing the service "are dealing in figures, value for money, and efficiency. You can't measure justice.

"The Treasury maxim seems to be: if you cannot measure it, it does not exist. We all fear there is a lot of this behind the scrutiny."

He added that generally magistrates were not happy either with the concept, under Home Office proposals, of a centralized organization and had "serious reservations" over whether would bring greater efficiency.

They do accept the case for central funding, and in that context would seek for the courts' service to be brought wholly under the Lord Chancellor's Department. Responsibility for the magistracy now falls between two government departments: their central government funding comes from the Home Office but matters such as recruitment and training are the remit of the Lord Chancellor's Department.

"We have felt for some time it is no longer right for local authorities to put in 20 per cent and we think there is an overwhelming case for 100 per cent of our funds to come from central government."

That in turn raised the question of which department the magistracy should come under, he said. "It is no secret that most of us feel more comfortable under the Lord Chancellor's Department."

A further concern was the failure of the scrutiny report, he said, to appreciate the "crucial" importance of the relationship of magistrates with their clerks.

"If you take the justices' clerks away from us it is like taking an engine out of a car."

The scrutiny was looking at magistrates' courts purely from the administrative point of view.

"It is overlooking the crucial role of the justices' clerk as our legal adviser." The justices' clerks undertook a difficult role trying to service both ends of the court, the administrative and the legal, he said. Their relationship to JPs was central to the "ethos of the whole magistracy".

● A new training scheme for magistrates starts next month under which magistrates who take the chair will have to undergo assessment by their colleagues and do practical skills-based exercises.

The training, details of which go out to benches in a manual next month, is part of a programme, endorsed by the present and previous lord chancellor, which will be implemented over three years.

Among the new features, some of which are already used by courts, will be a basic training course for new magistrates covering such topics as human, including racial, awareness.

Training will be a continuing exercise, and magistrates will have to go on courses in their second and third years after appointment.

Chairmen will also be obliged to go on refresher courses every five years.

Historic collection moves home



The Royal Ordnance's collection of small arms with its curator, Mr Herbert Woodend, in the collection's new home at the Royal Ordnance factory at Nottingham. Known as the Ministry of Defence pattern room, it dates from 1631 and is an important reference source for manufacturers; it moved to Nottingham after the closure of the Enfield small arms factory.

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Whitehall Brief

Dangerous use of discretion

Britain has no constitution, so the saying goes; all it has is procedure — ways of conducting public business that are right and proper. One of the problems of the formulation is: what happens when a public body, part of the Government, operates improperly?

We cannot say, as the Americans or Germans would: this is unconstitutional. At the very best, a High Court judge might review the action and slap a wrist, but the pain does not usually last for long, and there is a chance that the impropriety itself becomes accepted procedure, becomes constitutional.

The following is an example of how the absence of constitutional rules allows public servants the exercise of rather dangerous amounts of discretion. It comes from the conduct of the Universities Funding Council, which dispenses public money to individual universities. It is government appointed, and works under the administrative supervision of the Department of Education and Science.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, its chief executive, is not a civil servant in the sense that he belongs to the department and answers to its ministers, but he is a public servant, carrying out a task ordained by Parliament. Sir Peter and the council behave — it must be hoped — "constitutionally".

Last week Edinburgh University, a national if not a world centre for medical education, announced it was closing its dental school. There is not the space here to go into the sequence of events leading up to the decision but they can be summarized by a few questions which give a flavour of what Edinburgh's principal, Sir David Smith, a generally very calm biologist, calls "a discreditable story".

Was it right and proper, for example, for Sir Peter to go on the record calling the Edinburgh school "lousy" in the midst of what was supposed to an expert appraisal of dental education in Scotland? Was it right and proper for officials of the Scottish Office to leak the results of a controversial report to fix its recommendation (against Edinburgh) in the public mind before the university could make its response?

Was it right and proper that the University Grants Committee should make one recommendation — that the dental school at Dundee should close, and the Edinburgh school be upgraded — while within the space of months its successor body, the UFC, should, with no material circumstance having changed, recommend the opposite?

Was it right and proper that the review team which produced the opposite recommendation was constituted in such a way that suspicions of partiality would inevitably be attached to its findings? Was it right and proper for the Secretary of State for Scotland and his officials to involve themselves in the detailed adjudication between academic establishments in the way they did?

All these questions can be and indeed have been answered by honourable men and women with No; which means a lot of rectitude and propriety has gone missing.

The fate of an academic institution north of the border may not immediately seem to be an issue that raises these "constitutional" principles. Yet it does.

If the Universities Funding Council can interpret the rules of right conduct with such abandon, what about other powerful quangos, whose number has been increasing, rather than decreasing, recently?

One of the paradoxes of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's era has been that while generally committed to rolling back the boundaries of the state, some of the bits of the state that are left have become arrogant. One of the aspirations of the Government's policy for higher education is to reduce the dependency of the universities on public money, yet the primary dispenser of public money, the funding council, behaves in a high-handed manner.

There may have been sound reasons of public policy why the numbers of dentists trained in Scotland needed to be reduced; the act of cutting would inevitably have been painful. But the Edinburgh saga leaves a distasteful sense that the rules which ought to govern the conduct of public bodies have become too loose, too open to the vagaries of personality and lobbying.

David Walker

Council considers a long-distance move

A Democrat-controlled London council is considering shifting its finance and computing work hundreds of miles out of the capital in order to beat local recruitment difficulties (David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent, writes).

Mr Alan Taylor, chief executive of the borough of Sutton in south-west London, is soon to report to councillors on shifting its finance division to Sheffield and its computing division to Barnstaple in Devon. Modern technology would allow processing to be done at a distance, with the results electronically transferred to municipal offices in Carshalton and Cheam.

A council spokesman said the borough faced severe difficulties in finding accountancy and computing staff and thought they might be easier to recruit in the North and South-west, where office space might also be cheaper.

Sutton's finance department has more than 50 vacancies and the computer department, run jointly with the neighbouring borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, faces acute difficulties in attracting good-quality trainees.

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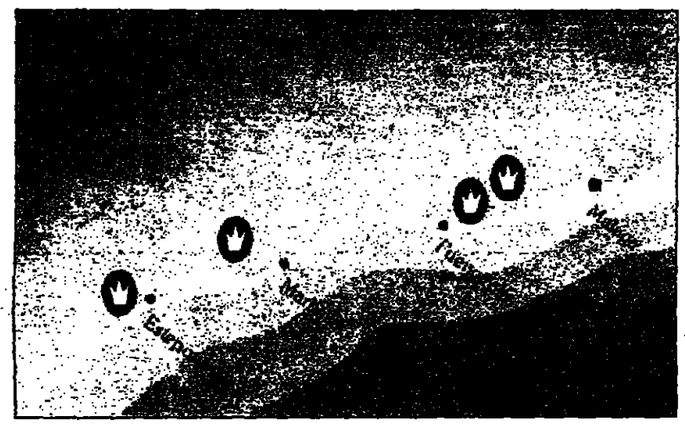
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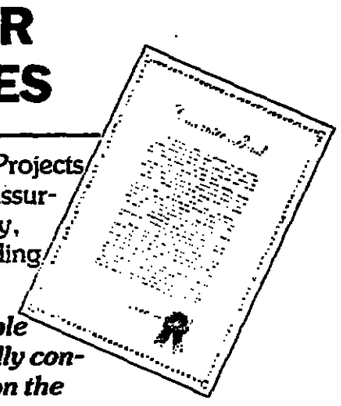
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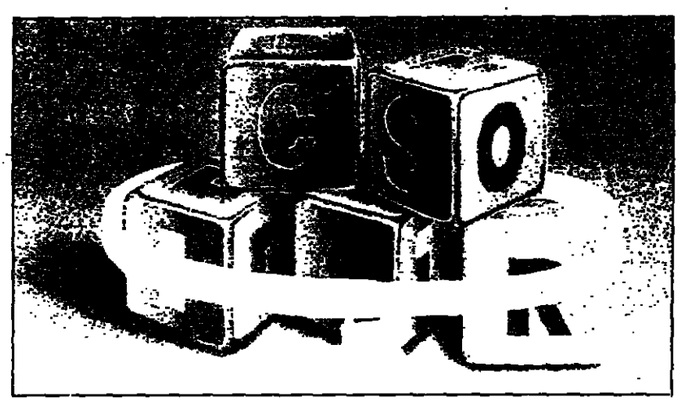
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Wallenberg still alive, family says

Moscow (Reuter) – Relatives and former associates of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved tens of thousands of Jews during the Second World War, arrived here and said they were convinced he was still alive. Mrs Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's half-sister, Mr Guy von Dardel, his half-brother, Mrs Sonia Sonnenfeld, his secretary, and Mr Per Anger, chairman of the Swedish Raoul Wallenberg Association, were invited to the Soviet Union by the KGB security service.

The diplomat was last seen in January, 1945, being driven off to see the commander of Soviet troops occupying Budapest after the Nazi retreat. The Russians say he died two years later in Lubianka prison.

Paris terror swoop

Paris – Police in Paris have arrested one of Italy's most wanted suspected Red Brigades terrorists, Signor Enzo Calvitti, together with his girlfriend, Signorina Anna Mutini, and Signor Dario Faccio, son of a leader of the Italian Radical Party (Susan MacDonald writes). The police swooped on their flat last Thursday, but only announced on Saturday that all three were taken before the French magistrate dealing with terrorism, M Gilles Rivière. Signor Calvitti has long been considered by Italian terrorist police as one of the principal members of the Red Brigades involved in terrorist killings in the late 1970s and beginning of the 1980s. It is not known yet whether those now under arrest will be extradited to Italy.

Dutch coalition deal

Amsterdam – Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Netherlands caretaker Prime Minister and Christian Democrat leader, will present Parliament today with a policy agreement for a new coalition government between his own party and Labour (Mark Fuller writes). The two parliamentary parties are expected to approve the accord this week, enabling a new centre-left coalition government to be installed by the end of the month. The Christian Democrats and Labour emerged from general elections on September 6 as the two biggest parties, with 54 and 49 seats respectively. Mr Lubbers had set his sights on an alliance with Labour since his coalition with the Liberals was brought down in May in a row over the financing of part of the national environment plan.

Fresh Angola talks

Paris – Mr Pik Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, arrived in France yesterday to play his part in a new Angolan peace initiative by President Mobutu of Zaire (Susan MacDonald writes). President Mobutu's continuing efforts to get agreement on a ceasefire in Angola include talks held last week in his large holiday home near Nice with Mr Pedro Van-Dunem, the Angolan Foreign Minister. Also in Nice for talks yesterday were the US Under Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr Herman Cohen, and the leader of the Angolan Unita rebel movement, Mr Jonas Savimbi, who had been meeting the Foreign Secretary, Mr John Major, in London. There are hopes of direct talks between the Angolan government and Mr Savimbi.

Warning on videos

Rodrigues Island, Mauritius (Reuter) – The Pope was greeted by electric guitar music as he arrived yesterday for an open-air Mass on this Indian Ocean island, where he delivered a warning that videos threatened family life. More than half the 36,000 strongly Roman Catholic inhabitants of Rodrigues attended the gathering at a simple sports stadium set among wooded hills in the centre of the island to hear the Pope say: "Like other societies, Rodrigues is suffering the full force of influences, such as videos, which threaten the stability of the family."

Firemen save plane after cabin explosion



Smoke billowing from a Delta Airlines 727 at Salt Lake City at the weekend, when a blaze in the first-class compartment injured six people and left a gaping hole in the aircraft. "There was a bang and the stewardess told everyone to exit through the rear door," said one passenger, Mr Jerome Stumborg (AP reports). Passengers calmly left the plane via the rear steps and the blaze was quickly put out. Five Delta crew members, including the first officer, and a passenger were treated at hospitals for smoke inhalation and released. The Boeing 727, which has a seating capacity of 120, had made a scheduled stop at Salt Lake City en route from Los Angeles to Edmonton, Alberta. Mr Bill Goldstone, waiting to take the flight home to Edmonton, said that airport firefighters surrounded the aircraft within 90 seconds and had the fire out 15 minutes later.

First full Anglo-Argentine talks since war

Security tops Falklands agenda

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Britain is to seek arrangements with Argentina under which each side would notify the other before taking any action in the South Atlantic that the other could interpret as a security threat.

The proposal is one of a number of confidence-building ideas to be discussed in the first full-scale Anglo-Argentine talks since the 1982 Falklands war.

Diplomatic delegations from the two countries will meet in Madrid tomorrow and the day after for what is expected to be the first of several round of talks leading to a resumption of diplomatic relations.

The two countries already have arrangements for preventing military incidents. The arrangements were negotiated indirectly through the United States State Department, while former President Alfonsin was in office. The notification proposal would extend this idea.

The talks were made possible by President Menem's offer to place Argentina's claim to the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands "under an umbrella".

The diplomats will meet on the basis that each side maintains its own position on sovereignty while attempting to re-establish a normal working relationship. However, President Menem made it clear in a speech to the United Nations last month that Argentina would return to the subject later.

The delegations will be led by Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Señor García del Solar, a special representative from Buenos Aires.

Apart from confidence-building measures, the agenda also covers trade, air and sea links, fishery conservation measures, and links between the mainland and the islands. Before the war Argentina provided subsidized air links and services for the Falklands, which it calls the Malvinas.

Britain is not expected to offer to drop its 150-mile protection zone, which was previously the military exclusion zone. Whitehall sources argued such a move should come after confidence was established, not before.

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – Argentine human rights groups said they would march to Government House on October 20 to hand in a petition signed by nearly one million people objecting to President Menem's pardon of military officers accused of human rights abuses. The pardon led to the release of three jailed former junta members, including former president Leopoldo Galtieri.

The British hope that Buenos Aires will declare a formal end to hostilities, as Britain did in 1982, but it seems more likely to do so as part of a package deal.

Senator Eduard Menem, the brother of the President, has argued, however, that this is a technicality because there is no conflict. The Argentine Navy has already dropped references to British shipping as "enemy" shipping in its notices to mariners.

Both sides will want the removal of trade resrictions which each claims the other is operating. While both have dropped most formal barriers, unseen ones remain.

Britain says that bids by British companies for public sector contracts are not considered, and British companies have difficulties in repatriating their profits. The talks are expected to lead to a resumption of normal air and sea services. Britain says that it allows Argentine ships to enter its ports, but that Buenos Aires has not reciprocated.

● **BUENOS AIRES:** Argentina's Foreign Minister, Señor Domingo Cavallo, said at the weekend he was not expecting important results from next week's talks in Madrid on normalizing links with Britain (Reuter reports).

"We cannot expect anything spectacular, but rather progress in the improvement of relations between the two countries," he told local news agencies.

Asked whether diplomatic ties could be restored before the end of the year, as suggested by President Menem, Señor Cavallo replied: "This does not depend solely on Argentina's intentions, but also on the willingness of the English."

Death proposed for drug barons

From Martin Fletcher
Washington

President Bush is to ask Congress to approve the death penalty for bosses of drug-trafficking gangs.

The move would mark a sharp departure from current practice, which reserves capital punishment almost exclusively for crimes directly involving murder and the plan could run into constitutional objections.

The Administration will argue that the drug bosses pose such a threat to society that their execution is warranted.

It also emerged yesterday that three more Colombian traffickers were on Saturday extradited to stand trial in the US. The three, none of them top-ranking, join Señor Eduardo Martinez Romero, the alleged cartel financier flown to Atlanta last month.

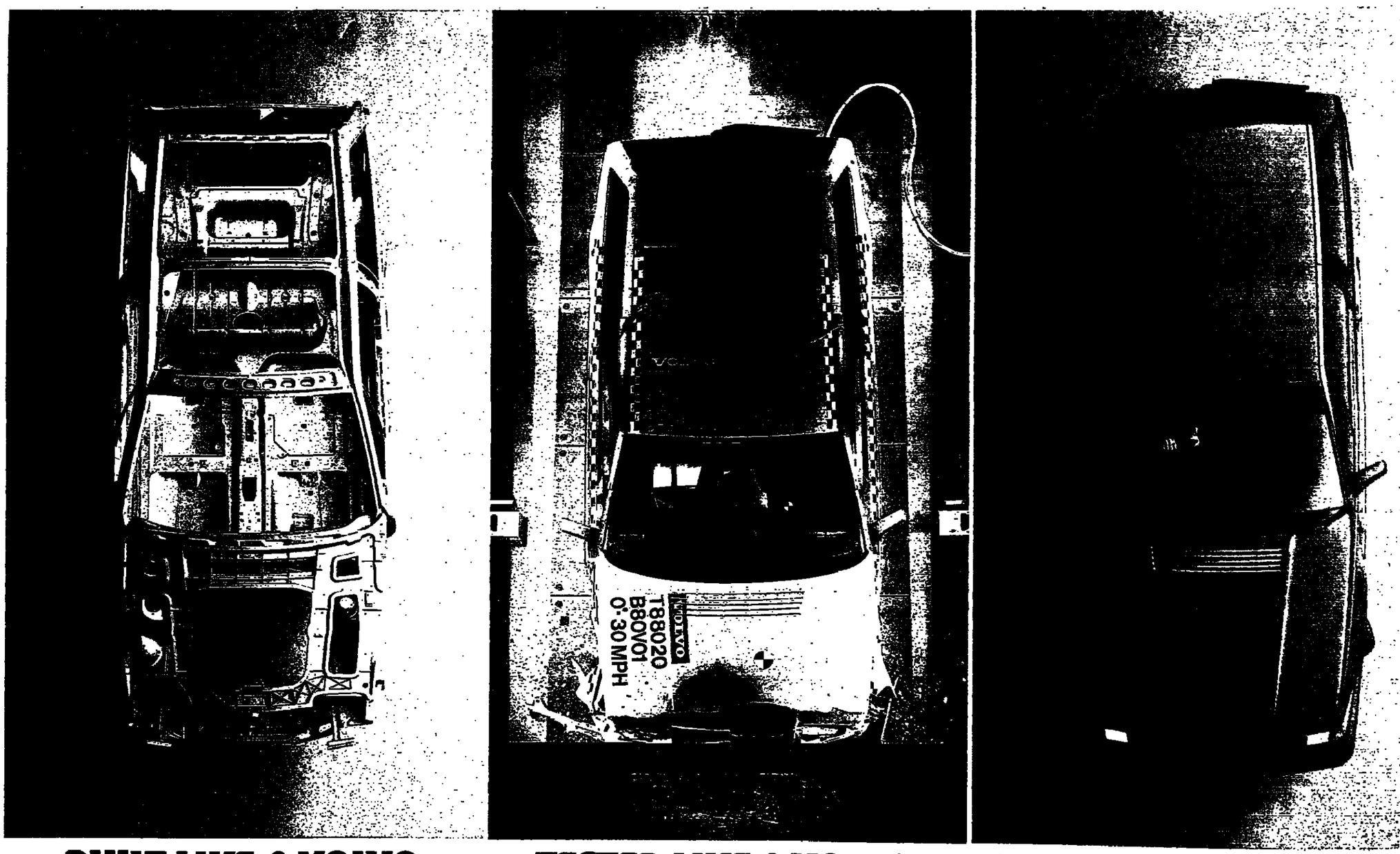
The Senate judiciary committee, meanwhile, will vote tomorrow on another White House proposal to reinstate the death penalty for non-drug offences ranging from assassinating the President to bank robberies involving killings.

The proposal to execute convicted drug "kingpins", based on a Justice Department analysis which concluded that trafficking is as serious a crime as murder, will be sent to Congress by the White House in about a week, although the definition of a kingpin has not been decided.

The proposal was foreshadowed last week in evidence given before the Senate judiciary committee by Mr Edward Dennis, an Assistant Attorney-General, who insisted that it would comply with the constitutional test that the severity of the punishment should be proportionate to the seriousness of the injury and the "moral culpability" of the offender.

Opponents of the death penalty will fiercely resist the move. "If there is one unshakeable principle, it is that there has to be a killing to use the death penalty in the modern era," said Mr George Kendall, counsel to a civil rights organization.

Last year's congressional drugs legislation introduced the death penalty for killings by large-scale traffickers.



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East Berlin's leaders face growing internal challenge as the German question dominates EC talks

Reform group grows stronger

From Ian Murray, Bonn

New Forum, the illegal East German reform group defying the ban on its activities with increasing confidence, is starting to build a party-type organization. It is growing fast, as criticism of society and worries about the economy are being granted more space in the state-run media.

The damage caused by the mass exodus to the West of so many young workers has also been acknowledged publicly, as arrangements are being completed by the regime to allow 1,200 more East Germans out of Poland.

In marked contrast to the previous deal to allow people out after taking refuge in a West German embassy, the latest batch from Poland are not to be allowed to touch East German soil so that they can technically be expelled. That caused so much trouble that this time the refugees are expected to be sent through Sweden or Hungary, so that they do not create publicity and trouble along the way.

Over the weekend, 120 New Forum delegates from all over the country ignored official warnings and a police summons to hold the first nationwide co-ordination meeting of New Forum in East Berlin. They agreed to bring out their own newspaper from next month and to appoint a spokesman and co-ordinating committee in the near future.

Although it has failed to win recognition and has been branded as seditious, New Forum insists it is not an opposition movement, but a group of citizens who are seeking to open dialogue leading to reform of the socialist system. That it can still operate openly suggests a majority in the regime is prepared to tolerate New Forum, provided it does not overstep its self-imposed limits.

A clue as to why the regime has accepted the need to talk about reform has come in an article published in *Freiheit*, the Communist Party newspaper in Halle. Written by Herr Peter That, a professor at the Halle-Wittenberg University Law and Economics Faculty, it calculates that the loss of every 10,000 workers will cost the economy DM 333 million (£110 million) a year or DM 10 billion over an average 30-year working life.

Other open criticism has begun appearing regularly in the East German press, which has faithfully toed the official party line until now. Its letter columns have begun opening up since Herr Kurt Hager, the party's chief ideologist, complained last week about the need for better media policy.

Junge Welt, the paper of the youth movement and the most widely read of all, has been particularly open. The paper even reported that members of the youth movement had walked out of a meeting when the "required voluntary attendance order" was lifted. "You cannot order people to have an open, frank discussion."

The paper carried criticism from another youth group member about the way the media reported that factories systematically met production targets. He found that impossible, the paper said. "That would mean, for example, that in his factory the lawnmowers had been delivered. But he can still see them standing there."

More objective reporting is evident. The *Sachsischen Zeitung* reported that the Vopo (People's Police) brutally beat those trying to board trains at Dresden 10 days ago.

Television, too, which has long since lost its audience to the West, is now winning viewers with more forthright discussions, with ordinary people finding the courage to voice complaints less than a week after being given the go-ahead by Herr Hager to do so.

How fast the dialogue on reform can be organized is likely to depend on who wins the power struggle inside the 21-member Politburo. Herr Erich Honecker, its leader since 1971, is no longer believed to have majority support within it, although he is probably strong enough to hold on until the next meeting of the Central Committee, which should be held before the end of the year. He will have to put forward some kind of credible reform programme to satisfy the growing clamour for change.

Demands for easier travel and to boost the economy are priorities that must be confronted. With all non-visa travel out of the country blocked and the danger that people allowed out will continue to defect en masse, the freedom to travel is a particularly hard demand. With the economy far less productive than has been claimed through the docile official media until now, the party also faces a major task of inspiring a new drive to work.

One of the contenders for the leadership, Herr Siegried Lorenz, the efficent party boss in Karl-Marx-Stadt, the country's industrial heartland, warned over the weekend that there would be many tests and challenges in the months ahead. Although he has a hardline reputation, he made it clear that he also supported the need for new thinking.

Warsaw (Reuter) – About 400 East German refugees arrived here at the weekend, joining 800 others waiting for travel papers from their Government to allow them to emigrate to the West, East German refugees said. In Bonn, government sources said that, to avoid a mass exodus, they expected the passes to be issued gradually by East Germany's Warsaw Embassy over a period staring today.



East German refugees waiting at the West German embassy in Warsaw for instructions on their journey to the West. This time they will not travel through their homeland.

Delors unveils his broad vision of united Europe

From Michael Binyon, Chartres

M Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, in a preview of a keynote speech he is to give tomorrow in Bruges on the anniversary of Mrs Thatcher's famous policy statement on Europe last year, outlined to EC foreign ministers here his vision of a rapid rapprochement between the two halves of Europe.

He hinted that he would like to use the Inter-Governmental Conference, to be held within a year on plans for economic and monetary union, to go much further and examine the whole relationship between East and West Europe.

As a measure of the urgency of this question for the Twelve, M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister and currently president of the Community, will make an unprecedented joint visit with M Delors to Budapest and Warsaw within the next few weeks.

They will look at the political and economic reforms there and the two countries' rapidly deepening relations with Brussels, which is co-ordinating emergency aid and increasingly taking a direct role in reforming the two countries' economies.

At an informal meeting in a magnificent 15th-century château here, the foreign ministers discussed Western Europe's leading role in promoting change in the East.

And for the first time since the turbulence in East Germany erupted, they looked in depth at the rapidly changing situation in Eastern Europe, and considered the real possibility that liberalizing countries, such as Poland and Hungary, might one day join the European Community.

They also discussed the crucial changes in East Germany, and the effect these would have on West German policy.

Ministers pressed Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, hard on Bonn's relations with East Germany and its renewed interest in eventual German reunification.

They also questioned him repeatedly on his recent calls for East European countries to become eventual full members of the EC. "I am a supporter of a policy of a gradual approach," he said at a press conference afterwards. "Some reproach me for a lack of audacity. But as I said in Bonn and as I will say in Bruges, events in Eastern Europe demand an acceleration of the construction of a European Community – or at least a reaffirmation of our determination to act together."

He said that he saw his proposals for a closer association between the Community and the European Free Trade Area applying also to Eastern Europe, especially to Poland and Hungary.

Behind M Delors's urgent calls for rapid Community reaction to the historic changes in Eastern Europe lies a growing worry within the Community that its strongest member, West Germany, is increasingly being pulled away from its Community commitments by the prospect of eventual reunification with East Germany.

Recently senior German politicians have appeared noticeably cooler in their enthusiasm for economic and monetary union, fearing that this might tie their hands and make an eventual integration with East Germany more difficult.

M Delors, both in a keynote speech in Bonn and in Bruges, is determined to insist that the EC must assist West Germany to anchor itself firmly in the West. For him, this means a quickening of political union in the EC – something of anathema to Mrs Thatcher.

M Dumas recognized yesterday that the subject of Eastern Europe was highly technical, political and delicate.

But he said a political dialogue had already begun and the Community had a responsibility, mandated by the Paris summit, to fulfil in Eastern Europe.

Ministers also discussed progress towards completing the 1992 single market, with M Delors giving a "state of the union" briefing.

They looked at the work needed to prepare the Strasbourg summit, which include plans to adopt the social charter and setting a date for the inter-governmental conference on economic and monetary union.

The French briefed their partners on a call by President Mitterrand for a special cabinet rank official from each country to co-ordinate the fight against drugs, and to set up a permanent committee to work in co-operation with the Brussels Commission.

M Dumas said the idea had been warmly received. No formal decisions were taken at the meeting, where ministers used the idyllic surroundings of the moated castle and the lush French countryside to range over most of the world's problems, including South Africa, China and the Middle East.

On Lebanon, they agreed the Community should continue every effort to help the country return to normal, and the French, for whom this is a priority, outlined their plans to help the stricken country.

On China, the ministers remained cautious, avoiding any firm statements and waiting to see how the situation within the country developed.

Kohl honours banned Havel



Vaclav Havel, the Czechoslovak playwright and human rights activist, yesterday was presented with a West German peace prize and accolades from Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, for "exemplary involvement" in the fight for freedom. Maximillian Schell, the Swiss actor and director, had to collect the West German Publishers Association peace prize in Frankfurt because the Czechoslovak authorities refused to give Havel a visa.

New spy scandal hits US

From Martin Fletcher
Washington

Another bizarre spy scandal hit America yesterday after the arrest in a suburban Washington hotel on Saturday of a man named Frank Arnold Nesbitt.

The previous day Mr Nesbitt, aged 44, apparently a former Marine and Air Force Communications Officer, had contacted *The Washington Post* to explain how he was recruited by the KGB in Central America last summer, flown to Moscow where he divulged useless information, and then returned to the US to offer the FBI his services as a double agent.

He was, he told the *Post*, unhappy with the response of the FBI. Before he could complete his interviews with the newspaper, he was arrested and charged with giving classified information to the KGB and will appear in court today.

The *Post* said Mr Nesbitt's story, little of which it could verify, began when he left his home and family in Memphis, Tennessee, in June and went to Central America.

In Guatemala he met a Soviet official travelling with a touring ballet company who arranged for him to be flown to Moscow. He was debriefed for 11 days but, he said, all the information he divulged was 15 or more years old.

The KGB was apparently taken in, paid him $2,000 (£1,330) and offered him between $50,000 and $100,000 for further assignments. He was told to obtain nuclear weapons secrets.

Mr Nesbitt claimed he contacted the US authorities as soon as he returned to Guatemala, and was flown to Washington on October 3.

The FBI never let him out of its sight. The *Post* reported that at least eight agents in four sedans followed him to the hotel where he gave the newspaper his story.

● BONN: An American airman was being questioned by US military authorities in West Berlin yesterday after being arrested with two Soviet Army majors on Saturday evening (Ian Murray writes).

The two Russian officers were later handed back along with a verbal protest, while the airman, who was said to have been "tasked by the Soviets to provide them with classified US defence information," was said to be "co-operating with US authorities".

Protests and strikes continue to harass the Government

In the western Ukraine, where rising nationalism and the repression of the Ukrainian Catholic Church have frequently provoked demonstrations, there has been talk of calling in the troops. Elsewhere, strikes or threats of strikes continue, both on economic and political grounds. The flight of Chechens from the Kazakh republic has given rise to a new, if minor, nationalities problem.

Lvov unrest

Early October, Lvov – A festival held on September 30 and October 1 ended with the vicious beating-up of demonstrators. The final concert was to take place at a stadium on October 1, but when a large column of people turned up carrying national flags and singing folk songs a force of militia was waiting.

The militiamen attacked the crowd, destroyed their banners and arrested anyone resisting. Shocked witnesses went to the militia station to ask about those arrested. They were attacked and dispersed by militiamen using rubber truncheons. Women and children were among those hurt.

When a bigger crowd tried to approach the militia station at night, the street lights were turned off and Spetsnaz troops attacked the demonstrators with rubber truncheons, kicking people who were knocked down. After an hour the pavements were stained with blood and strewn with torn clothing; 20 people were left lying on the ground, and dozens were later taken to hospital. Observers said the soldiers had been drunk.

The next day the First Secretary of the *oblast* (regional) party, told his colleagues that he was ready to call in troops and impose martial law. The oblast prosecutor said on television that the Ukrainian-Helsinki Union was to blame for the trouble and that 15 militiamen had been wounded.

On October 3 there were "warning strikes" at several Lvov factories and a meeting attended by 20,000 people. A resolution was adopted calling for the events of October 1 to be independently investigated, for the establishment of a strike committee, and for the immediate disbandment of special-purpose units sent to the town.

Strikes

September 28, Sumy – Three citizens of the town have gone on hunger strike in protest against the prohibition by the authorities of a meeting at which questions relating to elections were to be discussed.

September 25, Zhitomir – There was a two-hour strike at some enterprises in the town. A crowd assembled before the building of the oblast executive committee and demanded the removal of the First Secretary of the oblast party and the elimination of district committees.

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September 30/October 1, Kazan – There was a protest march against the construction of nuclear power stations in the Tartar and Bashkir regions. A resolution was adopted calling for a "warning strike" on October 20.

September 30, Minsk – The Belorussian Popular Front called for newspapers in the Tadjik language, for monthly payments to the unemployed and for the handing back of mosques. The demands were supported by a strike from September 17 to October 1. The district authorities promised to meet the demands.

October 3, West Ukrainian Coal Basin – There was a two-hour "warning strike" at 21 mines of the Lvov-Volhnyia region because not all the commitments to improve the life of miners agreed in the summer had been fulfilled. The miners expressed lack of confidence in the official trade union and in the People's Deputy for Chervonograd.

October 4, Vorkuta – The strike committees of the local coal miners met and decided to postpone the strike planned from October 5 to October 16. If, by that time, the Government had still not taken measures to improve conditions, the Vorkuta miners expected to receive support from other regions.

Racial strife

October 2, Grozny – There was a meeting of Chechen refugees from Kazakhstan who are still in hotel accommodation. More than 10,000 people blocked the road leading to the Council of Ministers of the Chechen-Ingush Autonomous Republic and demanded that the refugees be given places to live and work. Clashes developed with the militia, but there were no casualties. (Stalin deported the Chechens from their homeland during the war).

First Week in October, Yerevan – The supply of food to towns in Armenia has deteriorated because of the blockade by Azerbaijan. No sugar or meat were sold in Yerevan this week, even on ration tickets. Due to shortage of fuel in the town, it has become impossible to deliver foodstuffs to the capital from the surrounding regions.

October 1, Tashkent – The Crimean Tartars settled in the area tried to hold a demonstration to protest about the continued delay in solving their national problem and about the repression to which Tartars returning to the Crimea were being subjected.

The militia had cordoned off the square where the meeting was to be held and only 200 demonstrators got through. Some speeches were made, but then the militia snatched away a proposed resolution, dispersed the demonstrators and beat some of them. Four people suffered injuries and 28 were arrested. Later they were fined up to 500 roubles (£500) or were jailed for up to 10 days.

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Kremlin threatens 'harsh measures' over neglected food imports

Moscow (Reuter, AFP) – While the population suffers severe shortages, imported goods are piling up at Soviet ports, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, said at the weekend.

"It is intolerable, now that goods have begun to arrive, that our bad management has once again become evident," Mr Ryzhkov said, warning that the Government would take harsh measures if the problem was not soon solved.

In a television interview broadcast on Saturday evening, the Prime Minister said that since the beginning of October 25,000 tonnes of food and several thousand tonnes of soap and detergents, together with large quantities of other goods, had not been moved inland from ports.

"They have not been unloaded, they have not been moved. They are in the open air going bad," he said.

Mr Ryzhkov announced in June that the Government would spend five billion roubles (about £5 billion) this year to import food, including grain, to help relieve shortages which were upsetting the economy and contributing to widespread unrest in the Soviet Union.

This summer one of the main demands of striking coal miners was for soap, which has been in short supply for a year and is rationed in many cities.

Mr Ryzhkov said the responsibility for the bottlenecks in ports rested in many cases on local officials, including Communist Party control committees. He said a warning had been issued to rail and other transport managers.

"I must state that, if the situation is not corrected in the near future, we shall take the harshest measures against all managers, whatever their rank, office or position in the country, because we can no longer accept this," he said.

Also on Saturday, Soviet television showed pictures of a Western businessman teaching techniques in communication and self-improvement to members of the Soviet Parliament.

"Why are you giving up your free Saturday and Sunday to come to this classroom, to be trained by a company head, who is moreover a Westerner?" the presenter of the report asked one of the parliamentarians.

The MP replied that the course was to improve members' work during plenary sessions, in commissions, in contacts with voters and personal duties, and also to improve their grasp of the professional world.

Delegates to the course, organized by a Soviet-Danish joint venture company called Manager Service and conducted by a director identified as Mr Hans Miller, were all from the parliamentary commission on industry.

About 6,000 Soviet citizens, including members of the Government, have already attended similar courses, the presenter said, adding in a slightly ironic tone that the company guaranteed the results.

All participants were given a sophisticated diary in an encyclopaedia-sized box to help them organize their time.

The press department of the Supreme Soviet, the country's permanent legislature, recently gave MPs a translation of an article written by a Western academic on the skilfulness of United Kingdom members of Parliament.

Nancy Reagan takes her revenge on White House foes



Mrs Reagan: Using her memoirs to settle scores.

From Martin Fletcher
Washington

Mr Donald Regan, former White House Chief of Staff to President Reagan, is to pay the price for an autobiography last year in which he called Mrs Nancy Reagan the "dragon lady" and disclosed to an incredulous world that she used astrology to shape her husband's schedule.

Mrs Reagan is about to publish her memoirs, appropriately entitled *My Turn*. In them she settles scores with a number of people, including the present Secretary of State, Mr James Baker, and Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, but most of all with Mr Regan.

"If, by some miracle, I could take back one decision in Ronnie's presidency, it would be his agreement in January, 1985, that Jim Baker and Donald Regan swap jobs," she says.

The move from the Treasury took Mr Regan to the heart of the White House where, says Mrs Reagan, he "often acted as if he were President". She blames him for the Iran-Contra fiasco whose unfolding was a "dark and hurtful time" and put her husband's presidency "under siege".

She denies engineering his removal in 1987. If she had really been a dragon lady, "he would have been out the door many months earlier". But, in a particularly striking passage, she recalls how the then Vice-President George Bush came to discuss Mr Regan in her White House rooms.

"As he got off the elevator he said: 'I didn't want to say this on the phone, but I think Don should resign'. 'I agree with you,' I said, 'and I wish you'd tell my husband. I can't be the only one who's saying this to him.' 'Nancy,' he said, 'that's not my role.' 'That's exactly your role,' I replied. But as far as I know George Bush never spoke to Ronnie about Don Regan."

At one point, she recalls, even Mr Richard Nixon rang her "to say that, if Ronnie wanted him to talk to Don Regan about resigning, he would". Mrs Reagan, whose ghost-written book has been bought for a reported $2 million (£1.25 million) by the publisher Random House, says she began using a Californian astrologer, Joan Quigley, as an emotional "crutch" after the attempted assassination of her husband in 1981, and the thing became a habit.

Mr Reagan warned her of the danger of its leaking out, and it proved "an enormous embarrassment" when it did. "Politically I made a terrible mistake. And now, of course, I realize that I was very foolish to think it was possible to have any secrets in the White House."

Referring to her notoriously strained relations with Mrs Gorbachov, Mrs Reagan admits that they had little in common and had completely different outlooks and that there were "rough moments" during their dozen encounters.

"My fundamental impression of Raisa Gorbachov was that she never stopped talking, or lecturing to be more accurate."

She has sharp words for a number of Mr Reagan's closest first-term colleagues. Mr Baker was effective but highly ambitious. Mr Alexander Haig, the former Secretary of State who peremptorily declared himself in charge of the nation when Mr Reagan was shot, was "Ronnie's biggest mistake in the first term". He was "power-hungry and obsessed with matters of status".

She quotes him telling a National Security Council meeting on Cuba: "You just give me the word and I'll turn that f..... island into a parking lot." Mr Ed Meese, who was forced to resign amid a financial scandal, made her "squirm" and waited too long before stepping down.

In a radio interview yesterday, Mrs Reagan denied that the book was an attempt to get even for past slights. "I tried very hard not to be vindictive."



Mr Donald Regan: 'Acted as if he was the President.'

Boat people launch protests as talks on their fate begin

From Jonathan Braude, Hong Kong

About 11,000 Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong's crowded detention centres began a campaign of peaceful protest at the weekend to mark the start in Geneva today of international negotiations on their future.

Holding banners proclaiming "Dead is better than Red" and "Forced repatriation is like a death sentence," angry boat people staged sit-ins, marches and hunger strikes in protest at talks they fear will lead to their deportation to Vietnam. One placard read: "Britain, don't treat us like Russian Cossacks".

The protesters fear the steering committee of the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees will cave in to pressure from Britain, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand for forcible repatriation of those not accepted as genuine political refugees, who do not therefore qualify for resettlement in the West.

Although fewer Vietnamese were involved yesterday than on Saturday, they are expected to keep up their actions possibly until Mrs Thatcher addresses the Commonwealth heads in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

In an effort to project a tolerant, long-suffering image internationally, the Hong Kong Government has allowed the demonstrations to continue, hinting that they were organized from outside the camps and that they were known about in advance.

A spokesman said that leaflets urging the inmates to demonstrate had been found over the past few days, but he added that the Vietnamese had every right to demonstrate peacefully.

Observers say Hong Kong will need all the good will it can muster if the Geneva talks are to endorse the idea of mandatory repatriation, now described in official speeches as "orderly return". The US is adamantly opposed to the concept of returning boat people to a communist regime against their will, while Vietnam has emphasized so far that it will not accept those who come unwillingly.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is pressing for more time to give its voluntary repatriation programme time to work, despite the fact that just 264 volunteers have returned home since the scheme started in March.

However, Mr Geoffrey Barnes, the Secretary for Security, recently warned that Hong Kong was prepared to go ahead with mandatory repatriation despite international opposition, claiming in a radio interview that Vietnam was now ready to accept deportees under properly monitored conditions provided it got financial aid to reintegrate them into society.

Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, whose current visit to the United States is partly aimed at altering official perceptions there, said in his annual policy address last week that 34,000 boat people had arrived in the territory since October, 1988.

Royal couple at ski instructor's wedding



The Duke and Duchess of York at the weekend wedding at Klosters in Switzerland of Mr Bruno Sprecher and Miss Dora Blunier. Mr Sprecher is the Swiss ski instructor who was at the side of the Prince of Wales in the 1988 avalanche that killed his close friend, Major Hugh Lindsay. The royal couple were guests of honour at the Protestant Church service at which Mr Sprecher, aged 34, exchanged vows with Miss Blunier, aged 32 (Associated Press reports). The Prince of Wales excused himself from the wedding because he was too busy. The newlyweds said they expected to see him during their honeymoon in Scotland. Also attending the wedding was Mrs Patricia Palmer-Tomkinson, who suffered fractures of both legs in the avalanche of March, 1988, when Major Lindsay, a former aide to the Queen, was killed. The Prince and Mr Sprecher escaped.

Hong Kong Governor faces rough ride from US critics

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, begins three days of difficult meetings in Washington today during which he will attempt to convince sceptical US officials and congressmen of the validity of British and Hong Kong policies in the territory.

He will defend the Government's plan for the mandatory repatriation of Vietnamese boat people in the face of widespread American opposition but, in his first visit to America since China's brutal suppression of pro-democracy forces, he is expected also to differ with his hosts over what should be done to restore confidence in Hong Kong.

It is thought that he will lobby against a measure now before Congress to double to 10,000 the immigration quota to the US from Hong Kong next year, arguing that this would encourage key people to leave, so destabilizing the colony.

Sir David has himself argued that the British Government should offer a right of abode to all British passport holders in Hong Kong, arguing that it would provide an insurance policy that this would stop people leaving.

Sir David is to meet Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, Mr Robert Mosbacher, the Commerce Secretary, Mr Brent Scowcroft, the National Security Adviser, Mr George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader, key officials, congressmen, pressure groups and media representatives.

He will explain the economic and political measures — including the new airport, speedier introduction of democracy and a Bill of Rights — being taken to restore confidence in Hong Kong in the wake of Tiananmen Square.

Sir David can expect a rough ride over the plight of the Vietnamese boat people, with the Bush Administration adamantly opposed to sending refugees back to a communist country against their will.

Both British and Hong Kong officials contend, however, that the Administration's position is a contradictory and hypocritical product of a psychological problem dating from the Vietnam war.

There is no dispute that most of the thousands of boat people who have been flooding into Hong Kong are economic rather than political refugees, they say, and point out that the US deports thousands of asylum-seekers each year, many from equally pernicious regimes, notably that in Haiti.

Queen recovers from chill to go racing

From Alan Hamilton, Kuala Lumpur

The Queen was laid low by "air-conditioner sickness" on her state visit to Malaysia yesterday and was forced to cancel morning engagements, including attendance at Holy Communion.

By the afternoon, however, she was sufficiently recovered to go to the races.

Officials in the royal party said the Queen had caught a chill, thought to have been brought on by her constant movement between Malaysia's hot, humid atmosphere and the dry, cold interiors of air-conditioned buildings.

Early yesterday morning Surgeon-Captain Dr Norman Blacklock, her travelling physician, advised her to rest from her heavy schedule of engagements.

Her staff could not remember the last time that illness had forced the Queen to abandon an engagement on an overseas tour, and declined to confirm rumours that she had been made unwell by a dish of scallops served at a state banquet the previous evening.

Worshippers at the little Anglican Cathedral of St Mary in the heart of Kuala Lumpur were disappointed that the Queen was not among the congregation for Eucharist. The Duke of Edinburgh deputized for her, reading the lesson and unveiling a plaque that records her attendance.

The Rt Rev John Savarimuthu, Bishop of West Malaysia, hurriedly amended his prepared sermon, which called for peace and freedom of religion in the Commonwealth, to include a prayer for the Queen's speedy recovery.

The Duke again had to deputize at a wreath-laying at Malaysia's National Monument, commemorating the dead of the 12-year campaign against communist insurgency which began in 1948. The Duke also stood in for the Queen on a visit to the Selangor Cheshire Home in Kuala Lumpur, but by midday the Queen herself was up and about.

In mid-afternoon she reappeared in public, smiling and waving to a large crowd at the Selangor Turf Club to watch No 5, Entertainment XI, owned and trained by Singaporeans and ridden by a Canadian, win the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup by 2¼ lengths.

Shortly before the race began the Queen was seen to make discreet gestures to other members of her party, several of whom later walked away from the tote rather better off than before.

The state visit to Malaysia began on Saturday when the royal yacht Britannia sailed into Port Klang, the harbour for Kuala Lumpur. At a ceremony in front of Malaysia's Parliament building the Queen was received by Sultan Azlan Shah, the current Agong (King), an office which the sultans of Malaysia's 13 federated states take it in five-year turns to hold.

Yellow being the royal colour of Chinese emperors and Malaysian agongs alike, the Queen wore a yellow hat and matching dress, and was accompanied on her inspection of the guard of honour by a squad of bearers of the royal parasol shielding her from the non-existent sun with large yellow umbrellas.

Later the Queen was taken to the biggest mosque in South-East Asia at Shah Alam outside the capital. The dome of the building, 350 ft high and 170 ft in diameter, was designed and built by British engineers. It is one of the largest in the world.

Before entering the mosque the Queen was required, like all visitors, to kick off her white court shoes. She donned blue and gold slippers and, observing a local custom, also put on a matching embroidered cloak.

By special dispensation of the Sultan of Selangor, who is the ultimate religious arbiter in his state, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England was permitted to take a few steps inside the prayer hall, a vast hangar which can hold 24,000 worshippers.

At a state banquet the Agong made a plea for Britain not to forget the Commonwealth in its preoccupation with Europe.

Replying, the Queen welcomed Malaysia's renewed commitment to the Commonwealth — a reference to the fact that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister, had gone through a period of dismissing it as worthless.

Kingmaker Tanaka set to bow out

From Joe Joseph
Tokyo

Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Japanese Prime Minister who continued to pull the strings behind the scenes of Japanese politics even as he stood trial for accepting huge bribes in the Lockheed scandal, is retiring from politics at the next election.

Mr Tanaka was the architect of the tradition of money politics that continues to stain Japan's name abroad. The legacy of his backroom wheeler-dealing was seen most recently in the seamy revelations about political fund-raising thrown up by the Recruit bribery scandal, although he himself was not linked to the affair.

Political analysts and fellow politicians see his retirement as another product of the turmoil that has been disrupting Japanese politics, and as a symbol of power changing from the old regime, which was discredited by the Recruit affair, to a younger generation of scandal-free politicians epitomised by Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Minister.



Mr Tanaka: Experienced both glory and shame.

Mr Tanaka, who is still appealing against a four-year prison sentence for accepting a bribe from Lockheed and who has not appeared in Parliament for nearly five years since suffering a stroke, said in a statement: "I have no regrets as I look back on my political career."

Mr Tanaka, aged 71, experienced the extremes of glory and shame, and his unquestioned power earned him the title of the "shadow shogun". In July, 1972, he became Japan's youngest postwar Prime Minister, with high expectations. Among his successes was the restoration in 1972 of diplomatic relations with China. But in 1974 he was forced to resign amid criticism that he used money to sway decisions inside and outside politics.

After stepping down, his name was entwined with the Lockheed scandal, in which he was accused of accepting 500 million yen (about £2.27 million) in bribes from the US aircraft company to promote the sale of TriStar aircraft to All Nippon Airways.

He was arrested in July, 1976, convicted and sentenced to four years in prison and fined more than 3million yen by the Tokyo District Court in 1983. But he remained the Liberal Democratic Party's kingmaker, ensuring that Mr Masayoshi Ohira, Mr Zenko Suzuki and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone succeeded him as Prime Minister.

After a stroke in February, 1985, his political strength was severely dampened and his supporters within the Liberal Democratic Party regrouped under the leadership of Mr Noboru Takeshita, who resigned as Prime Minister under the cloud of the Recruit affair earlier this year.

Balloon deaths prompt Canberra inquiry

From Robert Cockburn
Sydney

The Australian Government yesterday announced a review of commercial hot air balloon operations after two people were killed in the country's fourth ballooning accident in the past eight weeks. A total of 17 people have died.

In the latest accident, the pilot of a balloon was electrocuted when it was blown on to power lines at Cessnock, New South Wales. Four of the five passengers scrambled to safety, but the wife of one of them was slow to escape and when she finally jumped from the balloon at a height of about 100 ft, she was killed.

In August, 13 people died when their balloon plunged into the central Australian desert near Alice Sptings after a mid-air collision.

Last week the pilot and a passenger of a balloon were electrocuted after hitting power lines at Mudgee, New South Wales.

Yesterday's pleasure flight had gone about six miles before landing in a farm paddock. The basket struck trees and bounced heavily on the ground twice when four of the passengers got out.

Mr David Bowers, aged 45, was killed as the balloon blew out of control on to power lines. He fell to the ground, leaving Mrs Gabriel Leslie alone on board as the basket lifted off again. "I just saw this figure wearing a red jacket, standing and peering over the gondola, and people yelling 'Jump. Jump'," said Mr Paul Brock, who watched from the ground. "It went higher and higher, and when the poor person jumped, I guessed it was 80 to 100 ft."

Mr Ralph Willis, the Transport Minister, yesterday announced an emergency meeting with hot air balloon operators.

Election fever in India

Corruption charges plague Gandhi and his main rival

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

With a swirl of scandals, a surge of communal rioting and turmoil in Parliament, India is in the grip of election fever. Expectations that an election would be called rose sharply after Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, suffered a serious parliamentary defeat in a rowdy session late on Friday.

The political temperature was further raised by corruption allegations embarrassing both to Mr Gandhi and his main opponents.

In a new flare-up of communal strife at least 22 people died in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. A curfew has been imposed on the state capital of Indore, scene of the worst Hindu-Muslim clashes.

Government officials sought yesterday to play down speculation that the Prime Minister is considering an immediate poll announcement. But Parliament has been adjourned indefinitely.

Mr Gandhi must call the election by January 14, the last day of his five-year term, although he can use a constitutional device to delay it by several months. The main argument for a postponement is that it would give more time for the fragile unity of the opposition parties to dissolve.

The parliamentary defeat has given Mr Gandhi the central plank of his re-election strategy — a promise to reintroduce legislation to devolve powers to India's villages. The measure, the Panchayat Raj Bill, is popular at the grass roots but hated by the state administrations.

The legislation provides for local bodies to receive funding directly from Delhi, rather than through states. To opponents, that smacks of greater concentration of power at the centre, the very opposite of the Bill's purported intention. The fear does seem justified, given the Congress party's historic commitment to centralized power.

The Bill, which requires a constitutional amendment, passed the Lok Sabha (lower house) in the summer but fell in the Rajya Sabha (upper house) on Friday because Mr Gandhi's Congress (I) party fell two votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

While Congress concentrates on devolution, opposition parties are focusing on incompetence and corruption. Mr V.P. Singh, leader of Janata Dal, the biggest opposition party, pins his hopes on the Bofors scandal, which looks like an election loser unless Mr Gandhi or his immediate associates can be linked personally to bribe-taking.

Mr Singh, a former minister in Mr Gandhi's Government before he quit in protest at alleged financial skulduggery, enjoys the reputation of being the "Mr Clean" of Indian politics — a rare reputation in a system that turns on bribes, kickbacks and favours.

It is therefore doubly embarrassing for him to be confronted with disclosures of the wealth of his son, Mr Ajeya Singh. The First Trust Corporation of the Caribbean island of St Kitts has certified that the younger Mr Singh has bank accounts with them.

The Indian Government said his assets, totalling $21 million (£14 million), were disproportionate to his known sources of income. It said the bank had certified the existence of a "safe-keeping" agreement bearing the signatures of Mr Singh and his father, with the older Mr Singh as final beneficiary.

Mr K.K. Tiware, Minister of State for Information, said it was now clear that Mr V.P. Singh, who "swore by value-based politics", had stashed away millions of dollars in foreign banks.

All work, no play in Peking

Peking (Reuter) — Peking university students have been forbidden to play mah-jong, get drunk, do business or spread western political ideas, as China's Defence Ministry announces a long-term struggle against anti-Communist subversion.

The new regulations published in the *Peking Daily* are aimed at rooting out anti-government feeling that led to the largest demonstrations in 40 years of Communism.

Students who returned to the campus at the weekend are banned from spreading "bourgeois liberal ideas". They are spending their first week entirely on politics.

Soviet crash

Moscow (Reuter) — Six people were killed, including two pilots, when a Soviet Su-24 fighter-bomber crashed at an airfield in the Caucasus, *Izvestia* reported.

Flier mystery

Suva (Reuter) — American aviation enthusiasts have found no proof after three weeks of searching to support their theory that Amelia Earhart crashed 52 years ago on a remote Pacific island while attempting to become the first woman to fly around the world.

General freed

Bangkok (Reuter) — Burma's former intelligence chief, General Tin Oo, once one of the most powerful men in the country, has been freed from prison after serving six years of a life sentence for corruption.

Nepal climb

Kathmandu (AFP) — Eight European mountaineers have successfully climbed Nepal's 23,491 ft Mount Pumori without the aid of oxygen.

Fair words

Paris (AFP) — The French Larousse dictionary will be published for the first time in the Soviet Union, after the signing of a book contract which Larousse said was the largest the Russians have ever made with the West.

Hot stuff

Paris (Reuter) — Forty-two guests who attended a football club's annual dinner at a village in northern France were taken to hospital suffering from food poisoning after eating couscous.

Prime Minister's wife is star draw in Spanish elections

From Philip Jacobson
Jérez de la Frontera

The new candidate for Cádiz had a damp and wearing introduction to the joys of electioneering, but after 90 minutes stumping the narrow streets of this famous sherry town's Torresoto district, Señora Carmen Romero was coping pretty well.

The sheer novelty value of finding the tall, dark and elegant wife of the Spanish Prime Minister and Socialist leader, Señor Felipe González, handing out red roses and sweets for the children on their own doorstep was enough to bowl over most people, and as the news of her presence spread a small, but genuinely enthusiastic, crowd trekked around beside her.

True, Torresoto is a working-class district in the staunchly Socialist constituency of Cádiz and Señora Romero — in Spanish fashion, she retains her maiden name — has the additional merit of being a native Andalusian. Her campaign organizers were confident there was little risk of running into trouble on her first real excursion into the world of endless handshakes, baby-kissing and the fixed smile.

Only towards the end of her visit, as a chilling drizzle set in, did Señora Romero seem to lose interest, suddenly hopping smartly into the campaign car and disappearing with a rather limp wave. But next morning in Cádiz, working the local fish market, she was back in gear again, gamely dispensing more roses and smiles as the photographers surged round her.

The word from Socialist Party headquarters is that the Prime Minister's wife should adopt a "medium profile" in the run-up to what most commentators assume will be a third consecutive victory at the polls on October 29.

In reality, Señora Romero, an attractive woman in her early forties, has inevitably become the star attraction in what is otherwise turning out to be a profoundly dull contest.

The fact is that Señora Romero's personal qualifications are every bit as good as those of the average Socialist candidate, indeed better than many. She actually joined the party before her husband, she was active in the foundation of its first branch in Madrid, and she is a qualified secondary school teacher (of literature) who carried on working until a combination of protocol and security requirements obliged her to stop.

Madrid (Reuter) — **Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, aged 47, has told an interviewer that the October 29 election, in which he is expected to win a third term of office, could be his last. "It is human to be tired when one works," he said.**

It is no secret that Señora Romero finds her "official" life in the Moncloa Palace, the Prime Minister's grand residence on the outskirts of Madrid, excruciatingly dull. Nor that she frequently escapes for a few drinks and a good gossip with friends, including some of the sternest critics of her husband's increasingly unpopular economic policies.

According to insiders, Señora Romero's decision to stand for — and almost certainly win — a seat in Parliament caused a considerable row with her husband. Though she has always refused to allow the sensationalist Spanish press anywhere near her private life and her three children, in a rare interview a couple of weeks ago she pointedly observed that Felipe González "has not encouraged me".

As a confirmed feminist in a country where women constitute 52 per cent of the population — though traditionally fail to make their weight felt in votes — Señora Romero has an additional appeal, above all to the new class of young professional women now emerging. Among Spain's fragmented and demoralized political opposition, Señora Romero so far has produced some predictable huffing and puffing about nepotism and the dynastic ambitions of the Socialists.

Out on the streets, though, she seems to strike a warm and responsive note with ordinary Spaniards, despite her clear lack of political polish.

There is a growing feeling among grassroot Socialists that the party is becoming too slick, too concerned with the plentiful trappings of office in Madrid. Señora Romero is the perfect candidate to reverse that impression, which is why she is spearheading the revolutionary (for Spain) idea of getting out and knocking on doors.

Since Eta's Basque terrorists may be expected to try to disrupt the election campaign, Señora Romero's walkabouts also reflect a certain degree of cold courage on her part.



Señora Romero: Dispensing red roses and winning smiles.

A CALL TO BRITAIN
and the COMMONWEALTH

Britain must take *DECISIVE* action *AGAINST* apartheid.

It has been said that the government in South Africa under Mr. F. W. de Klerk should be given a chance. But now is not the time to relax PRESSURE.

Apartheid remains firmly in place. POVERTY created by restrictions, removals and the homelands policy affects increasing numbers of South Africans. Democratic organisations are BANNED, the State of Emergency is in its fourth year, hundreds of POLITICAL and community leaders are STILL IMPRISONED or under house arrest.

Pressure DOES work. Mass opposition inside the country and international SANCTIONS have brought signs of hope: the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola, elections in Namibia, the successes of the Defiance Campaign, the RELEASE OF SOME political prisoners, the principles for NEGOTIATION agreed by the Organisation of African Unity.

An OPPORTUNITY for change now exists.

The Commonwealth summit provides the place for Britain TO MAKE USE of this opening.

The Southern Africa Coalition accordingly makes this call:

"We, the undersigned, are fundamentally opposed to apartheid.

We urge Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 18th October to agree to strengthen the Commonwealth Programme of sanctions against South Africa and in particular call upon Mrs. Thatcher to agree that Britain should fully support an effective package of Commonwealth sanctions."

THIS CALL IS ENDORSED BY THE EIGHTY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF THE COALITION:

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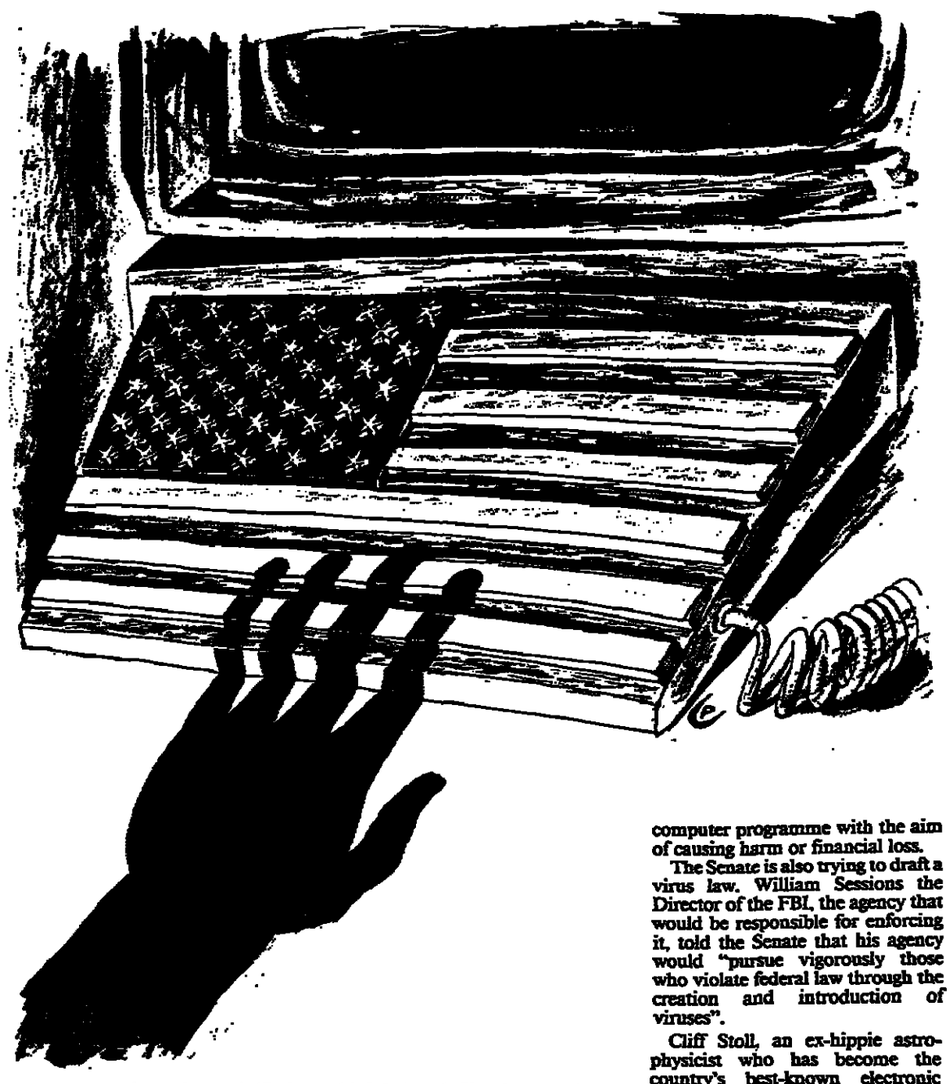
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Death to the hackers

After the Law Commission report on computer misuse, **Charles Bremner** reports from America on the effect legislation is having on electronic crime



Donald Burleson was always quarrelling with his colleagues at USPA, a big insurance firm based in the Texas city of Fort Worth. In September 1987, the 40-year-old programmer was sacked because of the constant disputes he was said to be provoking.

Two days later, 168,000 vital records erased themselves from the computers. A software "time bomb" had gone off, causing havoc throughout the system that USPA relied on for all its files and records.

If he had lived in another state, Burleson might have escaped, but the investigators of Texas's computer crime division are among the most active in the United States. They tracked Burleson's electronic footsteps back two years and found he had planted a "virus", a set of secret and destructive instructions that would multiply themselves throughout the USPA computers. It lay dormant until he triggered it on the day of his sacking. Burleson was charged with the criminal offence of "harmful access to a computer" and became the first person in America to be convicted of planting a virus. He was sentenced to seven years probation, a penalty whose leniency upset many in the business of enforcing electronic security.

Burleson's story is typical of the type of computer havoc — and crime — that last week resulted in a report by the Law Commission in Britain which called for the creation of three new criminal offences to curb hackers.

In America, all but a half dozen states have passed laws on computer crime and several, like Texas, have statutes that cover the practice of inserting rogue programmes, or viruses. In New York, another leading state in the field, it is an offence to gain unauthorized access to confidential information, or to inflict more than $1,000 of damage. In California, the State Assembly is trying to put teeth into its existing computer crime laws by revising its definition of networks and banning academic institutions from awarding degrees related to computer sciences to anyone convicted of computer crimes.

It has been relatively simple to apply laws of theft and fraud against people who manipulate computers to get rich — by far the largest area of computer crime. Contrary to the image promoted by thriller writers, the biggest losses are being inflicted by the small-time crooks who carry out simple fraudulent transfers and cheat the Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) that Americans now use directly for most day-to-day transactions.

However, defining the offences of electronic vandalism and applying the rules of evidence has proved difficult, and only a handful of virus criminals have been convicted. "A computer criminal may be thousands of miles away from the computer that is attacked," says Michael Gemignani, the provost of the University of Houston, one of an army of experts now wrestling with the problem of computer security in America.

For years, everyone involved in the industry has recognized the scope for mischief, or worse, within the vast and ever-growing labyrinth of electronic networks that have come to regulate almost every facet of life.

However, apart from the banks, business and government have been slow to devise ways of protecting their systems from tampering, largely because it is expensive and hinders communication between machines, one of the reasons for using them in the first place. In the early 1980s, it took evidence that "hackers", the underground of young computer whiz-kids, were happily tapping into the White House switchboard to place international calls, before Congress was goaded into action. Its new laws came after the FBI rounded up a group led by Ian Murphy, a student known as Captain Zap, who used a home computer to stroll at will through government computers. He was sentenced to probation for receiving stolen property in the form of computer parts. Now turned game-keeper, Murphy sells his underworld expertise to worried companies. His sales slogan read: "Everybody's into computers — who's in yours?"

In 1984, Congress passed its Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and strengthened it in 1986. Under this, it is an offence to intentionally gain access to any computer used by government agencies without authorization, or to enter two or more computers in different states, and alter or destroy information that causes loss of more than $1,000. The first successful prosecution came in January this year when Herbert Zinn, aged 17, from Chicago, was arrested and sentenced to nine months prison for tapping into the computers of the ATT telephone company, Nato and the Defence Department. Zinn, or "Shadowhawk" as he tagged himself, copied $1.2 million worth of programmes and published top secret passwords on electronic "bulletin boards" in Chicago and Texas.

Computer hacking was still widely regarded by the lawmakers as little more than a nuisance by the thrill-seeking youngsters of the "cyberpunk" culture until last year, when computers across the country, including those of the IBM corporation, suffered a plague of viruses. Just about all the 50 million computers in use in the United States were suddenly seen to be vulnerable to the "worms", "trojan horses", "trap-doors" and other exotically named viruses.

With evidence of hundreds of other instances of computer mischief being inflicted around the country, from hospitals to prisons and credit card companies, Congress began work on new laws to close loopholes in the law, such as the need to prove intentional access to government computers, and define virus offences. One of two proposed laws now working its way through the House of Representatives covers any malicious act that is aimed at sabotaging a computer system. It would be punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Another bill, known as the "anti-viral bill" would mean a prison term for anyone who inserts information or commands into a computer programme with the aim of causing harm or financial loss.

The Senate is also trying to draft a virus law. William Sessions the Director of the FBI, the agency that would be responsible for enforcing it, told the Senate that his agency would "pursue vigorously those who violate federal law through the creation and introduction of viruses".

Cliff Stoll, an ex-hippie astrophysicist who has become the country's best-known electronic sleuth, is one of many in the easy-going culture of computer scientists who now reluctantly believe that laws are needed to regulate the traffic that has hitherto flown freely throughout the electronic web that ties them together. In formal evidence, Stoll told the Senate: "Our electronic communities are threatened. Alas, our golden age of trust is ending."

The FBI and many security experts say that for all their nuisance, the "computerniks" of the hacking sub-culture pose far less threat than serious criminals, who find new ways to cheat money out of every advance in technology. According to Carl Brown, vice-president of the National Fraud Investigation Centre, a Philadelphia firm, banks have managed to impose enough safeguards to protect themselves against the giant illicit transfers of funds that many predicted in the early 1980s.

But Brown, who was director of Intelligence for Pennsylvania's Organized Crime division, says a whole new field of fraud is about to be opened with the arrival of Electronic Data Transfer, the system under which, for example, the cash register in a shop will debit your bank account for a purchase. "The speed that the banking industry is advancing means that safety nets are not keeping up with the technology." The answer, he says, is not new laws, just better security practices among the computer owners and users.

MISCHIEF TO BANK ROBBERY

● In one day last November, Robert Morris shot from the status of obscure post-graduate student to front-page notoriety as America's most celebrated computer hacker. Described by his friends as brilliant and painfully shy, Morris had spent most of his 23 years playing with computers. His father, Robert Snr., a widely respected security expert who works for the National Security Agency, the top-secret government communications centre, had taught him to operate the machines as a toddler. The elder Morris is known in the computer fraternity for writing a programme to decipher "passwords" that give users access to computers. Working at the Bell telephone laboratories in the early 1960s, he and colleagues had invented the first virus in an early game they called Darwin. Young Robert was working on his doctorate in computer science at Cornell University last autumn when he sent what he thought was a harmless virus burrowing into Arpanet, the government and research computer network. Something went wrong and it copied itself at lightening speed, jamming the system across the country. The FBI indicted him in July under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse act of 1986. He became the first person to be charged under the statute in the act that prohibits unauthorized access to a government computer and if found guilty could face five years in gaol.

● Kevin Mitnick fits the more traditional idea of the "techno-bandit". Unhappy and unstable, as a teenager in Los Angeles he became obsessed with the dark side of the electronic world. He assumed the sign-on name of "The Condor" and began wreaking a trail of mischief through the digital telephone systems and computer files. Last July Mitnick, now aged 25, was sentenced to six months in prison and a year's stay in a rehabilitation centre, where he is to be treated for "addiction" to computers. When he was arrested, the police would not let him use the telephone because they feared he could dial up the FBI records and erase his own files.

● In May last year, Armand Moore, a professional swindler with a long record, and four accomplices, got away with transferring $69 million from the account of a stock-broking firm in the First National Bank of Chicago to an account they had opened in Austria. The gang pulled off the electronic switch thanks to information from a corrupt bank official. Rather than attempting to withdraw the funds in Austria, Moore went shopping in Detroit, buying a new house and a Jaguar. Within a day, the funds had been traced and returned. He is now in his first month of a 10-year prison sentence.

FEAR OF FAX AND VOICE GRAFFITI

This year's bout of computer virus scares is expected to be the last, according to an international expert on database security. DonnParker of SRI — the former Standford Research Institute with British operations in Cambridge — says the interest in the subject in recent weeks is likely to spell the end of the data virus phenomenon. "Hackers fast lose interest after a great deal of news media attention," says Parker, who has spent 20 years researching hacking and trying to unravel the real from the apocryphal. "There are easier and safer ways to abuse. Perpetrating virus abuse is very tedious and involves a high work factor." Those involved with computer protection should look to new crimes as hackers, data crooks and virus writers seek more sophisticated and, potentially, more harmful stunts. With blanket media coverage in advance, he said, some of these fresh attacks on computers could be nipped in the bud before becoming widespread. One new data system abuse being plotted, according to Parker, is Fax Graffiti. Here hackers tap into the telecommunications system of a company's facsimile machine and send false material down the line. Voice Graffiti may also hit soon. This involves playing mischief with the computerized voice storage and routing networks that thousands of American companies — and some British companies — are now using. These amount to vastly elaborate answering machines that employees can use to leave messages for each other, to speed up corporate communications. In a sign of things to come, one group of voice hackers has already been rounded up by the FBI. Parker, whose I-4 Institute has 50 corporate members world-wide, including BP and British Telecom, believes that viruses can be controlled by anti-viral protection devices. He also thinks that the size of computer fraud crimes will rise. He sees it as a simple risk-reward relationship: as the rates of detection go up, criminals will seek ever larger hauls.

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Preserving the past

There are two prizes at stake in *The Times*/Shell Museums Year competition. The Museums Year Trophy and a cheque for £20,000 will go to the museum readers choose as the most innovative, and the Community Museum of the Year will receive a prize of £10,000. There are five museums in each category, selected by a panel of judges from the most nominated museums. Each day this week *The Times* will publish an outline of one in each group. *On Saturday*, in the Review section, we will publish voting forms for each category, repeated in *The Times* on October 25. Here are examples of how some of the finalists would use the prize money . . .

MUSEUMS YEAR 1989 THE TIMES

How Britain's finest museums can win £30,000

INNOVATIVE AWARD

Imperial War Museum: set up after the First World war in the former Bedlam, the south-London asylum for the insane, the museum was supposed to represent the "War to End Wars". Warfare has never stopped, however, and it became impossible to display the vast collection of the two world wars, and all the other conflicts in between, in the original building.

But instead of simply moving more out into branches, the museum has been completely rethought. Rather than being a dull, didactic display of martial things, it is as much concerned about the social aspects as the military ones.

In June, the Queen opened the first phase of the Imperial War Museum's £20 million conversion. It now has three times the display space it had before, with the objects arranged objectively, not as a piece of celebratory jingoism.

Other museums, such as the Museum of the Manchester at Ashton-under-Lyne and the RAF Museum at Hendon, also look at the social effects of war, but the IWM has taken it a stage further.

Its "Blitz Experience" gives a terrifying idea of what it was like to be in London in the winter of 1941; a telescope is trained on one of the Luftwaffe's principal targets, St Paul's Cathedral; and a giant clock shows that for every 3.34 seconds another human being was killed.

The museum would spend the prize money on a computer display of previously unpublished lists of servicemen who fought in the Second World War, to let visitors trace members of their family.

COMMUNITY AWARD

Natural History Centre, Liverpool Museum: the Liverpool Museum is one of the finest local museums in the country, and one of the oldest. It was founded partly to house the vast natural history collection left to the city by the 13th Earl of Derby, in a building provided by another patron, William Brown, which was opened in 1861. It now has more than a million objects antiquities and relics.

The centre, on the top floor of the museum, is a channel for the public to make full use of the museum's collections. The centre is the contact point between curators, the public and its collections.

Specimens can be brought from storage by museum staff, at the request of the public, just like at a reference library, and visitors are encouraged to be involved with curators in project work, such as field studies.

A modified video camera can throw magnified images on to an enlarged television screen, to give public demonstrations to the large groups which congregate.

The museum has about 54,000 computer records with details of more than 200,000 specimens, and it also has major databases recording the distribution of groups of plants, animals and geological material — it is a renowned centre for the study of caddis flies.

The centre wants to develop computer catalogues which combine words and pictures. The prize money would be used to improve "visitor appreciation of the variety, interest and accessibility of the museum's natural history collections".

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MONDAY PAGE

Big girls shouldn't have to cry

Being fat is not a sin' – official. Libby Purves meets Shelley Bovey, the author of the latest attack against 'fatism'



Happy, and in great shape: actresses Roseanne Barr (left) and Dawn French (centre) and singer Bertice Redding show the sunnier side. Redding says: "It's easier for me, in my culture"

Shelley Bovey appears to be a model working mother. She was a newspaper reporter, then moved to Radio 4 and women's magazines while her three children grew up in the Somerset countryside. She has stayed happily married for two decades. A fulfilled, unexceptional life, you might think. Yet she feels like an outcast, a third-class citizen to be jeered at in public and told off by total strangers. The only time she feels truly equal to the person she is talking to is, she says, on the telephone.

For she is a fat woman – not morbidly so, nothing to make the *Guinness Book of Records*: "I can still run upstairs without puffing *and walk fast for 20 minutes. But I* weigh 16st. I am size 20, and I have gone up to 24 at times. But the insurance tables, which are crazy, say the acceptable average for my height is 8st 11lb. I would settle for 13st."

After years of unproductive diets, Bovey decided to investigate her condition, its social implications and what the condition did *to other women. She asked basic* questions: whether fatness matters and why, if it can be helped, and, above all, whether it is medically dangerous. She concluded that most women stigmatized as fat are, in fact, pretty normal and healthy – just despised. The result of her research is one of the angriest and most curiously compelling books of the year.

I was sceptical. Shouting *Being Fat Is Not A Sin* on a paperback cover seemed an extreme way of tackling what many see as a minor and curable problem. I suspected her of going over the top by alleging that "fat people are coerced to the outer limits of society . . . victims of hatred and contempt". After all, I should frankly admit that I am not un-fat myself but have never found it spoilt my life. "Ah," Bovey says grimly, "you're not big enough. Yet."

Two things finally convinced me the persecution is real. The first was the volume of desperate letters from other fat women, some of them well under 13st, all with stories of genuine discrimination ("I was told they had so many applicants they didn't need to choose a fat one . . . I found a note on my file saying I had considerable ability but would never get a job"). Bovey was once told by the BBC she could not go on outside broadcasts because she would project the wrong image.

And then there was the matter of what happened to her last week. She was taken out to a friendly lunch by a woman journalist, only to find herself viciously lampooned. Her arguments and research were largely ignored in favour of a list of what she ate and a Rabelaisian caricature of her manners. She was described as "ranting through a mouthful of profiterole", and bellowing for *more food. "Actually," Bovey says* *in her gentle voice,* "we both ate exactly the same. Neither of us had pudding, just coffee. And I don't shout, do I? It was an illustration of the hatred it brings out in people."

She cites Lynda Lee-Potter, of the *Daily Mail,* who once described a character in a play as "so overweight, unkempt and bovine" that she deserved to be deserted by her husband. When challenged, the columnist wrote: "Letters from outraged fatties have poured in . . . the main message is that the overweight are constantly upset at being pressured by the media. But since there are so many portly bodies around, I can only suggest they're not pressured enough."

The pressure, however, does not help. Bovey charts the cycle in which a healthily plump young girl diets to be like the Princess of Wales, despairs, binges, starves again and finally slows her metabolism to a point where real fatness creeps up on her, and with it contempt.

"People, total strangers, assume you're sub-human." Bovey says. "A smoker can hide his cigarettes and an alcoholic can drink in secret, but a fat person has nowhere to hide." One thinks, irresistibly, of Burton and Taylor in their tempestuous heyday, one of them feted as a roaring, *dramatic genius drunk, the other* ridiculed for putting on weight. Yet which was behaving worse? And was it our business anyway?

"And look at Fergie. A fit skier, happy and pretty but moderately *big by fashion standards. I* thought, 'Oh please, don't let them do it to you!' But of course they did. It's a rule: thou shalt be thin. Fatness is associated with thick, low-class people.

"It disturbs *me a great deal that* the biggest 'normal' size (14) has now moved into the smallest 'large' size. Size 14 means a 36in bust and 38in hips. Is that overweight? Did you know that when they displayed the little black dress Marilyn Monroe wore in *Some Like It Hot*, it was a 16?"

She has particular anger for doctors. Stout women report them as being routinely rude and unhelpful. As Rob Buckman once said, *the medical definition of* obesity is being a stone heavier than your GP.

"I took my one-year-old son along because I was worried that he wouldn't eat any solids," she says. "The doctor sneered, 'Do you want to make him as fat as you are, then?' Women get blackmailed into losing weight before an operation, although anaesthetists and surgeons have admitted to me that the only reason is to make their job easier. Not safer.

"I was intrigued at what doctors would confide to me over the phone, not knowing I was one of their deviants. I learned that they resent having to waste time on a fat patient. At the same time I was surprised by the number of studies that have tried and failed to find a correlation between obesity and mortality. Even the sternest reports on coronary heart disease admit that obesity is one of the less important factors – less than heredity or smoking, hypertension or raised blood fats."

She concluded that moderate obesity in an active, healthy person is no risk at all.

If fat women appear sluggish, shuffling, apologetic and lethargic, "it is because of the social pressures and the cycle of dieting and giving up, not because of fat itself". Bovey cites one rare, *penitent male doctor who saw her* book and said: "I was taught at medical school to be nasty to fat patients, and I've done it all my working life without thinking."

Bovey is out on her own in some respects. She parts company with Susie Orbach, author of *Fat is a Feminist Issue*, because she concentrates on *bulimic or anorexic* women and supports the general *idea of thinness being desirable.* She does not much like the American "Big is Beautiful" movement. "It's OK. But not everyone wants to be so aggressively flamboyant. Nor do I like being typecast as a nurturing earth mother. Why the hell should I, just because of my weight?"

She must, I ventured, have found some contented, unpersecuted fat role models. "Not many, frankly. Victoria Wood is the great heroine, but she's always slimming and putting it on again. Or take Claire Rayner.

She hides behind her persona, but she finds her weight a painful subject, and all that bright exterior dissolves when you discuss it. The only one who really doesn't seem to mind is Bertice Redding, the black singer. But she said to me, 'It's easier for me, honey. I come *from a different culture.' You see,* she's black, so she's allowed to be fat. It's *not a sin. It's just the way* she is."

● *Being Fat Is Not A Sin, by Shelley Bovey, is published on October 26 by Pandora Press (£4.99).*

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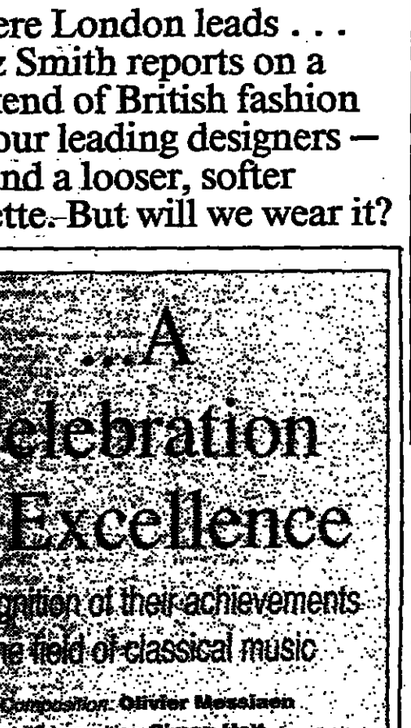
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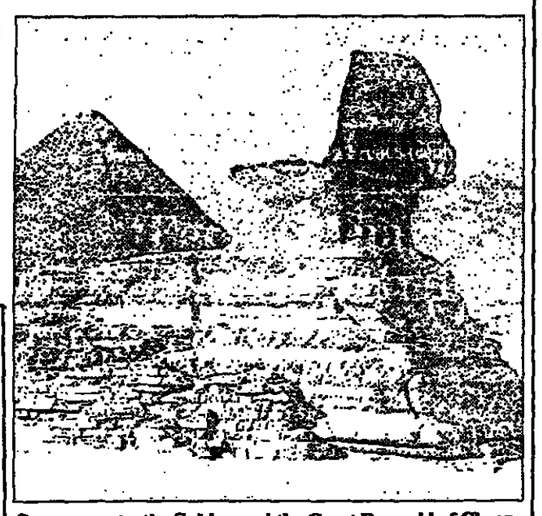
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TIMES DIARY

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

At Liberty in Regent Street, this coming Saturday is no ordinary Saturday — it is *Designer* Saturday, heralding an exhibition of all that was best and brightest in last month's exciting Milan Furniture Fair. I say exciting, but the general feeling in Britain seems to be that if we really must get excited, then it should be over something altogether less embarrassing than a load of Italian furniture.

The nearest we get to this sort of thing is the Ideal Home Exhibition, where the accent seems to be more on joining the RAC and new ways of carrot shredding than anything else. Jane Taylor, furniture buyer for Liberty, agrees. "The British don't like buying modern stuff," she says. "They hang on to things — very blinkered." Liberty's best sellers are still the Arts and Crafts pieces for which they are most famous, but contemporary pieces go well. Spain and France are the countries to watch, it appears: but who is the designer of the day? "Well, Philippe Starck. Obviously," says Jane Taylor.

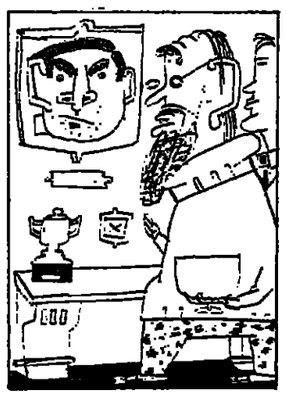
Craig Allen is head furniture buyer for the Conran Shop, and he also cites Spain and France as the likely lads — but what on earth is happening in Britain? "Difficult one," he responds. Reluctant to buy modern stuff, are we? Uh-huh. On the blinkered side? You bet. The clientele at the Conran Shop, however, is obviously the exception. "We sell a great number of classics from the Twenties onwards," says Allen, "but I try to specialize in the most up-to-date. The finest contemporary designer is Philippe Starck, of course." Of course. And his most notable chair is apparently called the Prattfall, which sells very well to people who would not dream of suggesting anything silly.

● With sales up by 200 per cent on last year, Argos seems very happy with its expansion into furniture. "We supply stable stuff," I was told. Philippe Starck didn't come up.

The fundamental difference between "important" furniture and run-of-the-mill stuff is that the former arrives ready built, whereas with the latter you must devote the better part of a week to kneeling down with a screwdriver and swearing. Habitat is almost wholly given over to the self-assembly concept, but its most constant seller is the chesterfield. Says Eve Tate: "Most people want it covered in black caviar" which sounds lavish, if messy. "Caviar is a sort of a, um... I don't want to say Dralon, because Joe Public loves Dralon and I hate it. Well, I suppose you *could* call it Dralon, really. That's what it basically is."

In France, Habitat can't sell a chesterfield to save its life. "They're much more go-ahead there," says the affable Eve. "In this country we're lapsing into a ghastly, diabolical traditionalism." Her own house, I understand, is decked out in rustic 15th-century farmhouse style, though she admits to the sinuous Corbusier chaise and one or two Habitat dhurries.

BARRY FANTONI



'He's my latest — ran a safari hunting company'

One of the largest retailers of furniture in Britain is the John Lewis Partnership. What was their view of the contemporary scene? "We have no view," I was told by an amiable dalek. "We simply sell furniture. We do not set ourselves up as pundits or luminaries. We can allow no interviews with buyers as we see all such information as commercially sensitive. We do not advertise or promote. We do not discuss or speculate — even among ourselves." They do have a press office, however, so that such information may reach the wider shores of the general public.

At the "Sit" exhibition at the Business Design Centre from November 9 you can see the prize-winning chair in a competition jointly sponsored by Connolly's, the leather people, and retailer Joseph Ettedgui. The result looks to me like something into which a convict on death row might ultimately be strapped, but what did an expert such as Jane Taylor of Liberty think? "You want my honest opinion? I think it's absolutely awful. I can't think how it appeals to Joseph *or* Connolly." We can't either.

'No quick fix: invest for a long slog'



With stock markets again in turmoil, Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on trade and industry, calls for urgent action to make our factories more competitive in place of the City's obsession with short-term profits

It is hardly realistic to expect London to escape unscathed from Friday's Wall Street crash. London's role as part of a global capital market means there is bound to be a fall-out. The only question is the extent and length of the response.

Talk of another Black Monday may be exaggerated, but the omens are hardly favourable. The American experience shows all too clearly the dangers of allowing an equity market to become too dependent on take-over activity and junk bonds — precisely the factors which have now become important features of the London stock market as well.

Nor has the market yet adjusted to the sharp fall in company profitability in recent months. And overshadowing everything is the increasing uncertainty about the course and effect of government economic policy.

A stock market crash would impale the Chancellor on the horns of a cruel dilemma. He cannot easily reverse direction and begin to bring interest rates down as he did in the aftermath of the 1987 crash; yet a failure to do so would almost certainly push an economy already teetering on the brink into outright recession.

It is not, in other words, just the instability of the equity market which must worry the Chancellor. More significant is the instability of the economy as a whole, already suffering from a record trade deficit and sustained, for the time being, by a precarious combination of high interest rates and a sterling parity which is being increasingly eroded as the markets lose confidence.

It is the vulnerability of the economy to even a short-lived stock market crash which should alert us to the fact that the fundamentals of the economy have gone sadly awry. It is the neglect of those fundamentals over a long period which is the real cause for concern.

This point is brought home in every television interview about our economic problems: there comes a point when the interviewer turns to the Opposition spokesperson and says "But what would Labour do?" The question is a perfectly legitimate one, but the invitation to offer an immediate solution to our problems in the 45 seconds usually allocated somehow encapsulates what has gone wrong with our economy.

The invitation seems to imply that somewhere, if only we were clever enough to locate it, there is a magic button which need only be pushed to produce an immediate and comprehensive solution. The truth is that there is no magic button. Our problems are too ingrained, too deep-seated, to be resolved overnight.

This is not to say that some immediate responses are not more helpful than others; but if there is one message that the Labour Party must try to get across to the British people, it is that the constant search for short cuts has largely contributed to our difficulties.

We have to show the electorate that Britain's record trade deficit (the worst faced by any industrial country in modern times) is not an insignificant blip but the consequence of a long-term structural weakness in the economy which is getting worse and will continue to intensify so long as it is neglected.

The truth may have been obscured for most of the 1980s by the huge bonus of North Sea oil, but British industry is less able today to support our present standard of living, let alone improve it, than at any time in our industrial history.

We have failed, over a very long period, to make the long-term investment in industrial capacity and competitiveness which other economies make as a matter of course. The result is that we face the 1990s under-invested, badly trained, ill-equipped, and already saddled with a trade deficit amounting to some 5 per cent of our GDP.

No amount of juggling with short-term devices can make good this failure. There is no solution to our problems unless we begin the task of investing, training and re-equipping. The fact that quick results are unlikely is no excuse for delay.

The Chancellor himself concedes on occasion that we suffer from the disease of "short-termism". He points the finger in particular at the City and at the notorious insistence of the financial institutions on short-term returns. He is right, of course, but this is only part of the truth.

He is right in the sense that we in Britain have never developed the tradition of industrial banking which has stood the West Germans, for example, in such good stead. The Government must, however, bear some share of the responsibility, even in this limited area.

It is vulnerability to hostile takeovers, in our uniquely open market for corporate control, which compels every British boardroom to concentrate on short-term performances rather than long-term investment. Yet the Government — far from acting to protect British industry — has allowed the problem to intensify by sanctioning the use of junk bonds and highly leveraged bids.

The failure goes considerably wider. The Government's ideology compels it to leave long-term investment to the so-called free market. But the market is too short-term, narrow and fragmented to provide the sort of investment in training and research and development that is needed. A firm which trains its workforce, for example, gets no credit for doing so. It is instead marked down for harming its cash flow and finds that its skilled workers are poached by others. As long as the system favours the free-rider, nothing effective gets done.

The problem is compounded by the Government's own failure to invest long term. The failures to invest in our industrial infrastructure (even the CBI has been complaining for years about crumbling sewers, bridges and roads), in basic science and in higher education are notorious; but they, too, are only one aspect of a wider short-termism in government policy.

A government which, again for ideological reasons, restricts public spending but allows a huge explosion of private credit inevitably favours immediate personal consumption over long- term public investment. A government which turns always to high interest rates to regulate the economy inevitably favours the holders of present wealth over those who wish to create new wealth, and it ensures that those who use high-priced capital can do so only by intensifying the search for quick and short-term returns.

A government which deliberately uses over-valuation of the currency as a discipline yields to yet another short-term temptation. An over-valued currency produces immediate benefits, as each over-valued pound buys more foreign goods than it ought to do; but it does so unsustainably and at terrible cost to our long-term productive capacity, as profit margins (and therefore re-investment) are crippled, market share is eroded and skills and resources move away from the growth points in the internationally traded goods sector and back to those safer areas of slow growth which are free from international competition.

Not all of these manifestations of short-termism are peculiar to the present government. Our fatal tendency to prefer the interests of asset holders to those of wealth creators goes back a long way.

But we cannot solve our problems without taking a longer-term view of economic policy in the interests of the real economy, without working with industry on a medium-term industrial strategy which will ensure that essential investment is undertaken, and without eschewing quick fixes in favour of the long haul.

Justice mauled in Malaysia



As Commonwealth leaders head for Kuala Lumpur, Bernard Levin tells how the host prime minister victimized the nation's top judge for upholding judicial freedom

It is in the nature of state visits, and perhaps even more in that of Commonwealth heads-of-government conferences, that the host country receives a lavish meed of praise from the visitors, not only for the beauty of its landscape and the industry of its people, but for its democratic institutions and scrupulous adherence to the rule of law, together with the benignity and wisdom of those who govern it.

These reasonable obeisances to the requirements of politeness are no doubt being carried out in Malaysia, not only by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, but also by Mrs Thatcher and her opposite numbers, as the royal party prepares to leave and the political one prepares to get down to business.

But there are, or should be, limits to this convention. And however far those limits can be stretched, they can surely not accommodate the present Prime Minister of Malaysia and his shabby, undemocratic rule. The truth is that no lover of liberty or law should deal with Dr Mahathir without being fully aware of how power has corrupted and debased his administration; in the course of my next three columns, starting with this one, I propose to make good that charge.

We must begin by going back a few years. Until the mid-1980s, Malaysian judges in general took a static view of their duties; no Dennings they. For instance, they were unwilling to undertake judicial review of government decisions or instruments. But after a time they began to be less restrictive, and in particular less reluctant to examine government decrees or to stand up for the rights and liberties of the citizen: Dr Mahathir, like his neighbour Lee Kuan Yew in Singapore, is only too ready to throw his political opponents into detention without trial, by the use of his infamous Internal Security Act.

When the courts thus bestirred themselves, Dr Mahathir became alarmed, as well he might. An opposition MP was arrested and imprisoned under the ISA: a petition for habeas corpus was not only granted, but granted on the ground that the Prime Minister (who is Minister of Home Affairs as well) had acted in bad faith. He refused a licence to a tiny organization interested in human rights, which already published a monthly magazine in English, to publish a new one in Malay, whereupon a court overturned the refusal, on the ground that there was no good reason for it. An American journalist with *The Asian Wall Street Journal* had his employment pass abruptly cancelled, and was ordered out of the country forthwith: a court held that because he had been given no opportunity to speak in his own defence, the requirements of natural justice had not been observed, and the expulsion order was revoked. (The Malaysian press is kept in line by the requirement of government permission to publish; the events I am describing were fully reported, but I could find no serious criticism in any of the newspapers — not just *The New Straits Times*.)

As this tide of true justice grew higher, so Dr Mahathir grew more uneasy. He began to attack the judges publicly, indeed scurrilously, and in at least one instance unlawfully; the Malaysian constitution forbids attacks on judges by MPs in Parliament unless certain requirements have been complied with, and he denounced them without that compliance. (The occasion, incidentally, was a debate on a measure designed to extend control over publishing.) Most ominously, he began to attack them for defying, in their judgments, "the people's will".

The legal pipeline began to fill with cases likely to go against the government, including some concerning detainees under the Internal Security Act. Another, very dangerous for Dr Mahathir, concerned his governing political party, the United Malays National Organization (conveniently known as Umno). Over the years some of its members became thoroughly disillusioned with their Prime Minister, and eventually, last year, they began a legal action against him and his second-in-command.

They sought a declaration that the two had been elected unlawfully to the party leadership, because some of the local party groups whose delegates' votes had helped to elect them were themselves improperly constituted. The charge was freely admitted by Dr Mahathir, but he coolly argued that the illegal nature of the branches made Umno itself an illegal organization, and the court obligingly refused to grant relief to unlawful members of an unlawful organization.

It might be thought that although the rebels had lost, Dr Mahathir must be done for, sitting as he was on an organization ruled unlawful. Not a bit of it: since every member was in the same unlawful boat, all he had to do then was to reconstitute Umno to his own liking, refuse to let the rebels join, and carry on, now without any internal opposition. And that is precisely what he did; a shaming contrast to the ideals with which he had entered office, and the high hopes the Malaysian people had of those ideals.

All now turned on the appeal from the court's decision: if it were reversed he would be out. Tun Salleh Abas, the Lord President (head of the judiciary and President of the Supreme Court), a courageous (and by now enlightened) judge, saw at once the enormous importance of the case; he decided that it must be heard by a full bench of nine judges, and fixed the hearing for June 13. But before that, there were other events concerning Tun Salleh Abas, to which I must now turn.

As the head of the judiciary, he had become increasingly concerned about the repeated attacks on the judges by Dr Mahathir. On four occasions, when making speeches, he took the opportunity to state, in the most gentle and moderate terms, the necessity of a judiciary independent of the executive, while being scrupulously careful to give full weight to the rights and powers of the elected government. I have read the full texts of all four speeches; they proclaim nothing but the rule of law and impartial and independent justice.

But that was enough to mark him out; all that was lacking was a *casus belli*. It was soon found.

Tun Salleh, distressed, as I say, by the attacks on the judiciary, convened a meeting of senior judges — some 20 of them — in an attempt to find a way of avoiding the otherwise inevitable serious clash with the Prime Minister. After discussion, the judges agreed to delegate three of their number to draft a letter on behalf of them all to the King; Malaysia has a non-hereditary, semi-elective monarchy, of course a constitutional one.

As Lord President, it fell to Tun Salleh to send the letter. The heart of it is as follows:

> I as Lord President on behalf of myself and all the judges of the country beg to express our feelings regarding the development in the relationship between the Executive and the Judiciary. All of us are disappointed with the various comments and accusations made by the Honourable Prime Minister against the Judiciary, not only outside but within Parliament. However all of us are patient and do not like to reply to the accusations publicly because such action is not compatible with our position as Judges under the Constitution. Furthermore such action will not be in keeping with Malay tradition and custom. It is to be remembered that we are Judges appointed . . . to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. As such it is only proper for us to be patient in the interest of the nation . . .

That, you might think, is hardly the stuff of which a Malaysian Guy Fawkes is made. But it was enough for Dr Mahathir. The King declared himself displeased with the letter and, it seems, urged the Prime Minister to dismiss Tun Salleh: this point will become crucial much later. (It may or may not be relevant that when, before the King ascended the throne, he was tried, though acquitted, on a very serious charge, the prosecuting counsel was Tun Salleh Abas.) But for the moment it is necessary to say only that it was the Prime Minister's decision to put in train the procedures laid down for the removal of a judge from the bench, the first being to suspend him from office and convene a tribunal before which to arraign him.

Before that was done, however, Dr Mahathir called Tun Salleh before him, told him what was in store for him, and urged him to resign at once instead. Asked what was the accusation, Dr Mahathir at first would not tell him, but then claimed that it was the letter to the King. Tun Salleh then pointed out that the letter was the collective voice of 20 judges, not his sole initiative, and refused to resign.

He asked the Prime Minister to put the request for his resignation in writing: it was refused. Tun Salleh said he was willing to face a tribunal, and left. Within an hour, he received a letter from Mahathir, saying that he was suspended from office, and that a tribunal would be set up.

The following morning, the Attorney-General called on Tun Salleh, urged him to step down, and dangled before him the possibility of an appointment, presumably highly paid, with the International Islamic Bank, if he would go quietly. The offer was, of course, rejected.

After much agonized thought, Tun Salleh decided that it would be in the best interests of the judiciary if he were to take early retirement, and wrote to the Prime Minister accordingly. Dr Mahathir immediately replied, accepting his decision. However, a little later he began to wonder whether after all he had done the right thing, and, deciding that the harm to the judiciary would be greater if he left now, not least because it would be construed as an admission of wrong-doing, wrote to the Prime Minister to explain the reversal of his decision. He then announced that he would, after all, stand and fight. His final words in his letter were: "I shall await the appointment of the tribunal which, I have no doubt, will clear my name. I have also no doubt that justice will prevail in the end."

Before I leave this sorry tale until Thursday, I must add one item. On the very day that saw the official suspension from office of Tun Salleh Abas, the crucial Umno appeal case, which he had scheduled for nine judges to hear, was removed from the list. So, for good measure, were the ISA cases.

A burning question unanswered



CLEMENT FREUD

Living at the top of a Wimpole Street house has its problems — like when packages arrive. The bell rings; I pick up the entry-phone and say "What?" and a voice says "Parcel for you guv".

"Leave it on the hall table; I'll press the button so that you can get in," I tell the voice — fully realizing that this could afford a potential criminal the opportunity of molesting the orthodontist's receptionist on the lower-ground floor, making off with hip-replacement units from Transform in the basement, or doing something serious to the osteopath on the mezzanine.

"I need a signature for the package," says the voice, and I explain that I live upstairs . . . 91 stairs it is, and I am sorry, and will amble down to save the courier the full fury of the ascent. "Perhaps we shall meet halfway," I say, optimistically. Then I put on a jacket, give my shoes a quick shine — one is expected to be nicely turned out, even for unexpected callers — and encounter the panting bearer at the door of my maisonette, in no condition to do more than cough and thrust out a piece of paper, whereby I accept receipt of Item 14. I keep a small cache of £1 coins by the door and dispense these to anyone who doesn't swear at me and my bloody stairs before handing over the merchandise.

On Friday afternoon, the bell rang and a voice said "Jiffybag from Viking for C. Freud". "Leave it on the hall table." "Need a signature." Bang goes another pound — which my accountant does not think is tax-deductible unless I can prove that my life is in danger if I withhold such gratuity. The bag contained a book by Joanna Lumley. The publishers requested me to desist from reviewing it before the following Monday, adding that the volume was sent at the author's request.

I knew Miss Lumley slightly at a time when it was essential for me, in my trade, to know famous people. For one's first year in Parliament, the MP is quite simply the natural choice to open fêtes, bazaars, garden parties, horticultural shows, et al. In the second year, one is asked to officiate at such functions as one was unable to open the previous summer, and after that, constituents sidle up and say: "Do you know anyone famous who can open our do?" I suggested political colleagues; they didn't want politicians... "I mean, it's bad enough having a Liberal MP."

I started to accept TV shows like *Bullseye* and *The Golden Shot*, Les Dawson, Bob Monkhouse, *At Home with Derek Nimmo* — all against promises of their coming to open constituency functions.

Diana Dors came one year, Cilla Black did the honours another; then Lonnie Donegan, who smiled at people who asked him whether his dad was still a dustman. Reggie Bosanquet was something of a hit, doing his act with a bottle and a glass. Alex Higgins made an appearance and stayed until 2.30am. And then I got Alan Minter, and the good people of the Littleport Show committee, who had made me vice-president so that I could find talented fête openers, decided it was time for another woman. And I found Miss Lumley.

I had met her in some green room after a programme, asked her to tea at the House of Commons and persuaded her to perform this prestigious function: "Bring a friend, stay the weekend..."

She arrived in my constituency on that autumn Saturday morning with an actor friend who looked ill at ease. We tried to soften him with buck's fizz, offered hot buttered rum, tried a cold Pimm, to no avail. It transpired that he might have left some unspecified dish in the oven of his London flat, and he had to go back and check. Round trip of 170 miles. No, he couldn't telephone anyone, nor ask the police; he must leave at once, back in four hours, would come straight to the show.

Miss Lumley did a brilliant job, looking beautiful and famous, and agreeing to be photographed with retailers of tractors, purveyors of goats' cheese and the retiring chairperson of Ely's Inner Wheel, whose swansong this was.

Miss Lumley's book is called *Stare Back and Smile*: there's no index, and Monday has come so fast that I did not have time for an in-depth study, but among the 217 pages of writing and 24 of photographs, there's no mention of me. Now I shall never know what the actor left in the oven.

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BLACK MONDAY REVISITED

Life has not been kind to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson. Over the past two weeks he has been reminded, time after time, that his reaction to the 1987 stock market crash was misjudged. He, in the good company of other finance ministers of the Group of Seven nations, underestimated the power of Western economies to accommodate the Black Monday crash two years ago. As a result, he overestimated the stimulus that the British economy would need to avoid a recession.

Once it was realized that monetary policy had been relaxed too far and that low interest rates were allowing inflation to reassert itself, Mr Lawson has struggled to get the economy back on course. Less than two weeks ago, base rates were raised to 15 per cent, partly to protect sterling, partly to deflate the economy sufficiently to reverse the growth in inflation.

The rise in interest rates, although forced upon Britain by a similar move in West Germany, called into question the Government's stewardship of the economy and may have inflicted long-term damage on Mr Lawson's political reputation. Now his reputation is on the line again as he and his peers around the industrialized world struggle to avoid a global stock market collapse. It will be scant consolation to him to know that if Friday's Wall Street retreat had occurred two weeks earlier, the latest rise in interest rates would have been unnecessary.

The lessons of two years ago have been hard learned and, if history could be relied upon to repeat itself, Mr Lawson and the central bankers around the world would know exactly how to react. The problem is that, while financial markets tend to move in a cyclical pattern, no cycle is exactly like the previous one.

Over the weekend it was clear that the central banks were in touch with each other and ensuring that, if the drama of Friday's 190 point fall on the Dow Jones Industrial Average became a crisis of world financial markets, they were ready to act. As before, they will be ready to inject liquidity into their domestic financial systems to prevent a stock market correction becoming a banking collapse. The knowledge that this mechanism is in place will, it may be hoped, ensure that it is not needed.

The authorities were also making it known that they regarded the problem of Wall Street as just that – a problem of Wall Street. Friday's events may have been triggered by a full moon or by some mystical psychic powers of the date. More likely, they came about because the attempt to finance the management buy-out of United Airlines – a deal in which British Airways is playing a key role – was just one deal too many, especially for the Japanese banks which have become lubricators of the US financial markets.

Even before Friday, it was clear that the so-called "junk bond market" was relying almost totally on overseas investors and that the structure of the bonds was dictated by the requirements of the Japanese. The banks were also beginning to realize that they were carrying too many of the risks of refinancing corporate America without securing proportionate rewards. These were going to the individual directors and investment bankers who closed the deals.

It took no more than a nudge from the Japanese banking authorities to persuade the investors to retreat. The failure to complete the United Airlines financing caused panic in the junk bond market; that spread into airline stocks, and between lunch and cocktails Wall Street laid an egg.

The takeover boom was over. Junk bonds have not yet spread to other markets in any great volume, although they are beginning to appear in Britain. Few tears will be shed if the trend to such financing methods, whereby companies borrow more than they can prudently afford in order to finance deals they need not do, is stopped before it can properly start. In West Germany and other European countries, junk bonds are an anathema to the system.

For all these reasons, the events of Friday can be seen as a local difficulty caused by the excesses of Wall Street. The authorities, the Bank of England included, are right to assume an air of calm concern and avoid anything that could be construed as panic measures. The problem is that markets do not behave rationally, nor do they follow economic realities.

Today, London has five crucial hours in which the markets will have to make their own way. They will open in the knowledge that the Big Four securities houses in Japan will limit the damage in Tokyo and close under the influence of Wall Street. But markets cannot be insulated from Friday's fall. The takeover game has been played hard in London too, and as the speculative bubble bursts, so the money on which it has ridden will be withdrawn from the market.

A fall of 100 or even 200 points in London need not have a fundamental economic effect. If Mr Lawson can use the uncertain mood as a course of shock therapy, to drive home the message about inflation, he may be able to relax the high interest rate policy before we are driven into recession. If he succeeds, life may not have been so unkind after all.

COMMONWEALTH REFLECTIONS

Commonwealth heads of government meet in Kuala Lumpur this week at a crucial point in the organization's history. For the 40 years of its existence, the Commonwealth seems to have been searching for a role, stumbling only on the wrong one. As it enters its 41st year, it needs to find a more promising reason for being.

To many, its central purpose at present will seem to be the coordination of opposition to apartheid. There is nothing unworthy about the cause: a succession of unpleasant governments in Pretoria have earned justifiable international opprobrium.

As a binding force for nearly 50 disparate nations, however, this cause has weaknesses. The message has been too negative – though that has been partly the fault of former President P.W. Botha – and the call for mandatory economic sanctions has been rightly opposed by Britain on the grounds that the black majority would suffer.

Yet the last two Commonwealth heads of government meetings have been dominated by this single issue, with Mrs Thatcher standing virtually on her own against the rest. As Britain is the only obvious lynchpin holding this political edifice together, a division of this kind is self-destructive.

It has been argued that if the Pretoria regime had not existed a number of Commonwealth leaders might have had to invent it. Otherwise a collection of skeletons from their own cupboards might have rattled on to the biennial summit agenda. There are several reasons why this year they should concentrate their minds on the future. One of these is simply the 40th anniversary which (as in the case of Nato) creates an opportunity for reappraisal. The forthcoming appointment of a new Secretary-General is a second breakpoint with the recent past.

Another reason arises from changing circumstances. Yesterday's release of eight prominent black nationalists in South Africa was not an isolated gesture by Pretoria. It was the latest in a series of advances which have marked the brief presidency of Mr F.W. de Klerk. Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, has been sceptical of Mr de Klerk's intentions. Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, is among those who will press this week for tighter financial sanctions. Again, Britain stands alone.

It may be that the freeing of Mr Walter Sisulu almost on the eve of the Commonwealth conference was an example of adroit timing by South Africa. It is arguable that the moves towards reform have been prompted by South Africa's isolation and the economic pressures which derive from that. Certainly, Mr de Klerk still has a long way to go.

But for the Commonwealth once more to impale itself on this divisive issue would be a grave error. A sceptical response to changes in South Africa is fully justified. But to tighten the screw at a moment of some delicacy would be thoroughly inappropriate. Mr de Klerk deserves more time than this.

A third reason why this is a good time for fresh thinking is the emergence of a numnber of other concerns. One is the threat posed by over-population, particularly in parts of Asia. Another is the refugee problem which, through a combination of natural and man-made disasters, grows more complex with every year. Drought, floods, pestilence and war continue to ravage parts of the Third World.

A fourth is the protection of the environment – and the potential conflict between this and economic development. A number of South Pacific islands, led by Papua New Guinea, are to seek Commonwealth help to monitor the impact of the "greenhouse effect" on sea levels. A fifth is the international drug trade, which can only be dealt with satisfactorily through collaboration between the Third World (the suppliers) and the First World (the demand). These subjects provide ample material for discussion, even before the subject of human rights – the cupboard which contains most of the skeltons – is opened.

Commonwealth countries have little obviously in common, apart from their old colonial ties with Britain. The Commonwealth, however, provides a rare forum in which North and South can meet on equal terms. If they end up squabbling about sanctions, this will not only raise questions about the continued usefulness of the organization, but mean that a real chance for advantageous dialogue will have been missed.

Rural unemployment

From Mr A. D. G. Douglas

Sir, There is a growing danger of serious rural unemployment in the traditional industries of agriculture and forestry. The set-aside scheme, the continued legal disincentives of offering tied cottages, the removal of the tax advantages for woodland owners, low agricultural commodity prices and, now, the problems of the community charge for housed staff, all paint a bleak future for such employment.

There is a need for a new and urgent impetus to revitalise country areas by providing a diversified job structure.

Whilst the secretary of state's attitude regarding Foxley Wood (report, October 5) is probably laudable in its circumstances, I hope it does not spell a shift in policy. The creation of new country villages, on a reasonable scale with the opportunities for new industry and support jobs which result, is a clear way of assisting not only the employment problem but also the housing problem.

Regrettably the admirable low-cost housing schemes being introduced in many areas to assist the latter are only addressing the problems in the margins.

I remain yours,
SANDY DOUGLAS
(Rural Services Department),
Knight Frank & Rutley,
14 Broad Street,
Hereford.
October 9.

Waiting for surgery

From Miss K. M. B. McGrath

Sir, I am delighted that your correspondent Dr Glucksmann (October 10) has had the privilege of speaking to patients in Germany for whom the concept of waiting lists is unknown.

After 1992 it may well be possible for NHS patients to seek and receive care throughout the EC. For the time being, however, the Medical Advisory Service is more concerned about the lack of information given to patients about care in the UK. If providers of health care in this country are unable to communicate to their patients what is available here, how much more difficult will the average GP find it to refer to a foreign specialist/clinic?

Waiting lists remain the most commonly quoted complaints against the NHS, but ironically mention is seldom made of the consumers' current right to be referred to any hospital in the country. It is more practical to give common sense information to patients on *how* the NHS works, *where* to get impartial information and *what* services and choices are currently available than to suggest treatments which may never be a viable option.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN M. B. McGRATH
(Trustee),
Medical Advisory Service,
10 Barley Mow Passage,
Chiswick, W4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reasons for the ambulance ire

From Mr Alan R. D. Clark

Sir, I have been a member of the Ambulance Service since 1976 during which time I have had to suffer the annual conflict regarding our pay awards. In 13 years I have never received my annual rise within weeks of the due date.

My take-home pay for a flat month is £676.94p as a qualified ambulance person, not to mention the extra skills I can use at my discretion, including drugs in resuscitation, usually considered the purview of doctors.

What we have been offered is to have our London weighting payments consolidated into our basic salary with a small one-off payment to cover rises outstanding from two years ago. Pay negotiations for last year and the current year cannot take place until settlement is achieved from two years ago. Most of the extra 2.8 per cent above the 6.5 per cent national offer, which is not as clear-cut as it seems, is money we are already receiving, not an increase.

Yours etc.,
ALAN R. D. CLARK,
41 Lucas Avenue,
Upton Park, E13.
October 13.

Interest rates

From Mr Stephen Massey

Sir, The Chancellor thought he was being courageous in raising interest rates the week before the Conservative Party conference. It has turned out to be a wholly futile exercise, since the currency markets interpreted the panicky move as a confirmation of their worst fears about the likely direction of sterling and UK inflation.

Sterling has fallen to where it was clearly headed anyway and the public are more worried than ever about sky-high interest rates. International investors and currency speculators are not attracted to the extra 1 per cent return over a year when the currency can move 2 per cent in a single day.

Sudden increases in base rates to "defend" sterling serve only to demonstrate to the investment community that the Chancellor has no confidence in the currency. Under these circumstances it can be no surprise that the markets continue to shun sterling, whatever the yield.

Yours faithfully,
S. MASSEY
(Senior investment adviser),
89 Randolph Avenue, W9.
October 13.

Blocking of footpaths

From Mr Peter Birts

Sir, Mrs Alice Bland (October 6) is not correct in asserting that prosecutions for the blocking of rights of way can only be brought by local councils. Private prosecutions for the wide-ranging offence of wilful obstruction of the highway (s.137) are permitted by the Highways Act 1980 and the Ramblers' Association, in particular, has encouraged its members to make much use of this provision in recent years.

She is right in saying that only local councils can prosecute for non-restoration after ploughing, but it should be appreciated that these powers are exercisable by highway authorities (in respect of footpaths and bridleways for which they are responsible) as well as by parish, community or district councils, and that each has a wholly independent discretion whether to prosecute in any given case.

Private prosecutions to enforce these obligations would be most undesirable, not only because of the vagueness of the statutory provisions themselves, but because of the risk of oppression to landowners represented by the sheer numbers and diversity of interest of potential prosecutors.

Yours faithfully,
PETER W. BIRTS,
Farrar's Building,
Temple, EC4.
October 6.

War pensions

From Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius

Sir, Once again we are approaching the day when we remember all those who gave their lives in two world wars. As usual, ministers and leaders of the Opposition will pay their respects at the Cenotaph, which is as it should be; but doesn't their, undoubtedly sincere, act of homage ring a little hollow? Both Labour and Conservatives have consistently refused to keep faith with the fallen from the world wars, by refusing to grant their widows a fair pension.

Widows of servicemen killed since 1973 have, in general, been properly treated. But this Government and their Labour predecessors have repeatedly failed to make the same provision for those widowed prior to 1973, thus effectively ruling out all World War One and Two widows.

To place a different financial value on equal sacrifice is indefensible and disgraceful. I would like to suggest that, 50 years after the outbreak of World War Two, it is now time to put right this gross injustice.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JUNGIUS,
Lawithick,
Mylor Churchtown,
Falmouth, Cornwall.
October 9.

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School lessons in right behaviour

From the Headmaster of Gordonstoun School

Sir, The question of suspension from school as a punishment (report, September 25; letters, October 3, 9) can be answered quite simply: it is an unsatisfactory but necessary option. It has an uneven effect but on occasion it has to be used.

Behind this there is a much more important issue: what are today's parents actually expecting of independent boarding schools? What is the partnership? Many parents and some schools would give the obvious answers of cracking good A levels, a chance to gain a rounded education and to be enthused in a wide variety of activities and interests by committed staff, and so on – all good prospectus stuff.

What heads, deputy heads and those who run boarding-houses spend most time doing, however, is trying to instil in teenage boys and girls a real sense of decency, straightforwardness, common sense and loyalty.

Drinking, smoking, breaking bounds and academic sloth are peripheral issues compared with a wish to support and help younger pupils who want to do things or who may be temporarily unhappy; a recognition that telling the truth matters; a respect for other people's property; wholehearted commitment to an undertaking and an abhorrence of any form of bullying or intimidation.

Most parents welcome and support this, though I am not convinced that the present climate of the country places sufficient emphasis on these values. It is always a challenge in that even the very best parents have to place enormous trust in a boarding school to get it right (and sometimes we don't) and the worst parents are certainly full of passionate intensity when a school is unable to correct deeply-ingrained holiday attitudes and habits.

School and home can usually cope pretty well with various skills that have to be improved. The real partnership between parents and schools, however, lies in the belief in and practice of decency.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MAVOR, Headmaster,
Gordonstoun School,
Elgin,
Moray, Grampian.

From Mr M. Smelt

Sir, The patronising, if not arrogant, tenor of both M. Pyper and R. Kent (October 9) towards Mrs Goodhart (October 3) is, I suggest, typical of such people living in a parochial school environment, and not at all conducive to improving matters between school and parents.

When our son attended a public school we experienced similar unhelpful attitudes, and we were asked to remove our son on what we regarded as the silliest of pretexts. We considered taking legal action after appealing, without success, to the governors and various independent schools' associations, in seeking some redress of the situation. His school reports had been quite good.

For some parents, questionable situations are made worse because most prefer to remain silent, perhaps in fear of retribution befalling their children at school. There are no adequate mechanisms for proper consultation and assessment of questionable circumstances, with shared authority as well as shared responsibility.

Yours sincerely,
M. SMELT,
North Warren House,
North Warren Road,
Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.
October 10.

Teacher shortage

From the Academic Secretary of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers

Sir, Mr Straw's statement (October 9) that three in 10 newly-trained teachers fail to enter the profession needs a gloss.

This council regularly monitors the output of trained teachers from university departments of education; it is true that of the 4,564 students who successfully completed a university one-year postgraduate training course in 1988, 75.1 per cent were teaching in the UK by December of that year. (For the 413 who completed a university four-year integrated course the figure was 65.1 per cent). What happened to the rest?

Taking the one-year course, the remaining 24.9 per cent included 8.4 per cent for whom no information was obtained, 5.6 per cent still looking for a teaching post, 3.8 per cent in teaching or other work (including VSO) abroad, 3.1 per cent in UK work other than teaching and not at present looking for a teaching post, 1.7 per cent known to have deferred entry to teaching for personal or family reasons, 1.5 per cent following research or other full-time courses, and a residual 0.8 per cent probably unemployed and not seeking a teaching post.

Figures for the polytechnics and colleges sector are probably not greatly dissimilar.

The problems lie less in what happens at the training stage and more with what happens thereafter. Shortages in London and a surfeit elsewhere represent distribution problems and beyond that there is the important matter, acknowledged by Mr Straw, of retention.

A young graduate trained to a high level in people-management and communication skills can readily be enticed away by those willing to offer higher salaries and better conditions of work.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. ROSS, Academic Secretary,
Universities Council for the Education of Teachers,
58 Gordon Square, WC1.
October 12.

Estate agents' code

From the Director-General of Fair Trading

Sir, You report (September 30 and October 4) the fears of Mr Pattison, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and Mr Mair, of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, that my recently-published proposals for increased regulation of estate agents relate only to voluntary self-regulation and that "cowboys" will therefore be at liberty to ignore them.

These fears do not reflect all the facts. The greater part of my proposals concentrate on improving the effectiveness of statutory regulation of estate agents. Certain malpractices would be specified as "undesirable", a measure which would apply to all agents, irrespective of adherence to any code of practice, and could lead to those committing them being prohibited by me from engaging in estate agency work.

The voluntary code that I have proposed would consist of an elaboration of existing legal obligations, together with further measures which could not easily be dealt with by statute – for example, a voluntary redress scheme, for which the onus must rest with the trade.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON BORRIE,
Director-General,
Office of Fair Trading,
Field House,
15-25 Bream's Buildings, EC4.
October 11.

Opera House prices

From the Editor of GQ

Sir, I was disappointed to see that Jeremy Isaacs (October 10), in attempting to show that the Royal Opera House has not "left the lives of the large opera-loving public", cited a subscription scheme as the direction for the future. He wrote enviously of Cologne where, he said, "virtually all the seats are presold on subscription throughout the season."

Surely subscription schemes immediately confine ticket sales to hard-core followers, or corporate entertainers? The more tickets sold on subscription, the less are the chances of the broader public, who might wish to attend only once or twice a year, discovering the appeal of opera.

If the Royal Opera House does care about developing an audience for the future, I would urge it not to exclude the occasional visitor any more than is necessary.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL KEERS, Editor, *GQ*,
Vogue House,
Hanover Square, W1.
October 10.

Arts funding

From the Director of the National Campaign for the Arts

Sir, Leolin Price (October 7) is correct in stating that individuals, like companies, can make tax-deductible contributions to the arts, as they can to any other charity. However, it is worth pointing out that they can earn tax relief in this way only through a give-as-you-earn scheme and not, like companies, through one-off donations.

While companies can earn tax relief on up to 3 per cent of their dividends, individuals receive no benefit from such giving.

Research recently published by the National Campaign for the Arts, together with the Arts Council and the Museums and Galleries Commission, has shown that arts organisations could benefit substantially if this were rectified.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON CRINE, Director,
National Campaign for the Arts,
Francis House,
Francis Street, SW1.
October 9.

Missing link

From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir, Mrs Worthington's letter (October 9) on the early days of wheel skating is fascinating. Wheel skates in fact go further back than 1897, though doubtless Mr Best's skates were of a new and improved design.

The Victorian actor, author and journalist, Charles Du Val, describes in his book, *With a Show Through Southern Africa*, an evening in Cape Town's Good Hope Gardens in January, 1880. A howling south-easter was blowing but "The Gardens were crowded, the band crashed away; some people promenaded, others skated in the rink".

In one of his regular despatches to *The Weekly Irish Times* Du Val elaborates on this, saying how surprised he and his wife, Minnie, were "to find the fashionable exercise of wheel skating so far from home". They had always wanted to try it themselves but, although the gale seemed not to worry the locals, they did not dare venture out on the rink.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN ALLEN,
8 Scarlett Road,
Castletown, Isle of Man.
October 9.

Quandary of tips for waiters

From the General Manager of the Basil Street Hotel

Sir, The 1990 *Good Hotel Guide*, published last week, has reopened the debate on tipping and service charges in hotels and restaurants.

I accept that this is a well-meaning attempt to end a state of affairs which appears as malpractice on the one hand and offends human dignity on the other However, it seems to ignore the genuine efforts of management to solve the difficult task of satisfying three different spheres of interest – the public, the staff, and the employer.

Tipping and service charges are two totally different concepts, have different implications, and require different solutions.

Any attempt to abolish tipping is doomed to failure; it is a private matter between two participants, usually without witnesses, and there is no way for management to enforce a ban; but the vast majority of hotel and restaurant users want to tip for a variety of reasons.

Touting for tips and showing dissatisfaction with the amount received are condemned by every respectable management. However, the co-operation of guests is required to discourage tipping, which is not an obligation.

It is often argued, why tip waiters since one does not tip salesmen? Tipping salesmen has no historical background; tipping waiters, chambermaids or hall porters does. There is also a vast difference in the kind of service provided in shops and that in hotels and restaurants, where a more personal, even intimate, element exists.

We sell an experience, a lifestyle, dreams and memories. We aim to satisfy moods and ambitions. The relationship between the customer and those who can provide all this is surely a special one.

The compulsory service charge was originally introduced to replace tipping. Fair distribution of the money collected was intended to be an incentive bonus or commission, to give staff a share in the success of the business and remove the injustice whereby only employees in contact with guests received tips.

The system failed because it was morally wrong to force guests to reward employees irrespective of the standards of service; managements failed to inform guests and staff forcefully enough that the charge was intended to replace tipping; and they also failed in many cases to inform staff about the amounts collected and the method of distribution.

As a result guests felt obliged to tip in addition to the service charge and staff expected everyone to tip.

The industry's leading organisations put pressure on the Government to make service charges illegal. Regretably, the Government instead decided earlier this year to issue a code of practice, which cannot be enforced.

Yours etc.,
STEPHEN KORANY,
General Manager,
Basil Street Hotel,
Knightsbridge, SW3.
October 11.

Mail charges

From Mr C. H. Briscoe

Sir, Royal Mail International has stopped using the term "all-up" for airmail to Europe (Simon Cave, October 10) as it was confusing to customers. The new designation, Airmail-Europe, makes it clear that mail will go by air unless it is quicker by other means.

We request customers to use airmail labels to Europe to avoid confusion with other services which are slower, in the manner of second-class post.

Mr Paxton (October 10) will be pleased to know that at 20p, the cost of sending a letter up to 20g is one of the cheapest in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. BRISCOE
(General Manager,
International Letter Services),
Post Office Headquarters,
52 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

Wrong notation?

From Mr Reginald Robinson

Sir, Now that the party conference season is at an end I would like to know why the utterances of the party leaders, without exception, were described as keynote speeches. When does an important speech become a keynote and why?

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD ROBINSON,
29 Fallowfield,
Stanmore, Middlesex.

Them and us

From Mr John Dalby

Sir, I recently telephoned the DTI hotline for 1992 to ask whether there were any impending changes relevant to EFL (English as a foreign language). The conversation went along these lines:

It is not DTI policy to give assistance in this area.

Why not? Surely it earns considerable foreign revenue; it also creates good will amongst the students who come and who hopefully will be well inclined towards the UK when they return to their homes.

That is true, but it is also true that if, for example, a Frenchman improves his English an Englishman doing business with him in France will be at a disadvantage.

Yours faithfully,
J. DALBY (Chairman),
Davies Laing & Dick,
1 Pembridge Square, W2.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 14: Today The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Midland Hotel, Manchester and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

October 15: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Duchess of York.

Today The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the Midland Hotel, Manchester.

In the evening Her Royal Highness attended a Variety Show in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund at the Palace Theatre, Manchester and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

The Princess was attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant, The Women's Royal Air Force, today attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication for the WRAF Officers' Association at St Clement Danes Church, London, WC2, and subsequently attended a Reception at the Royal Courts of Justice, London, WC2.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend the Women of the World Awards luncheon at Grosvenor House at 12.30.

The Princess Royal will open the new Magistrates' Court House, Stockport, at 10.00: and visit Stockport College of Technology at 11.10 in its centenary year. As President of the Save the Children Fund, she will visit the Women and Children's Aid Hospice, Devonshire Road, Liverpool, at 2.00; and Park Children's Centre, Toxteth Annexe, Shorefields Community School, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, at 3.00. As President of the British Olympic Association, she will attend a reception at the Albert Dock at 6.00, given by the Merseyside Development Corporation and Manchester Olympic Bid Committee; and afterwards will attend a dinner at the Royal Insurance Building, New Hall Place, at 7.20.

Princess Margaret will attend the Women of the Year luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.15; and, as Patron of the St Pancras Housing Association, will visit Goldington Court, Camden, at 3.30 to open the refurbished development.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, will launch Club Week at the South Bank Centre, Festival Hall, at 10.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support), will open the children's Christmas card exhibition at Christie's at 6.30.

The Duke of Kent will attend the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League opening triennial conference at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, at 10.00; and, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open Kemble Instruments' new factory at Burgess Hill, West Sussex, at noon.

Service luncheons

Royal Indian Navy Association
Captain W.J.M. Teale, President of the Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Association, presided at the annual reunion luncheon held on Saturday at the Merchant Navy Hotel, Lancaster Gate.

ATS Dinner Club
Mrs A.A. Juby, Chairman of the Auxiliary Territorial Service Dinner Club, presided at a luncheon held on Saturday at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel.

John Habgood

Fatal flaw in socialism

Professor F. A. Hayek's most recently published critique of socialism, *The Fatal Conceit*, concludes with a brief chapter on religion. According to Hayek, religion has historically provided, and probably still provides, one of the best survival strategies for a complex civilization.

It is the most effective means of preserving the long-term moral base needed by what he calls "the extended order" of human relationships, relationships which reach beyond the purely personal and embrace a huge diversity of distant connections between people who have never met, and never will meet. It is an agnostic's commendation of religion of functional grounds, but no less significant for that.

In his own words: "The extended order resulted not from human design or intention but spontaneously; it arose from unintentionally conforming to certain traditional and largely *moral* practices, many of which men tend to dislike, whose significance they usually fail to understand, whose validity they cannot prove, and which have none the less fairly rapidly spread by means of an evolutionary selection — the comparative increase of population and wealth — of those groups that happen to follow them. The unwilling, reluctant, even painful adoption of these practices kept these groups together, increased their access to information of all sorts, and enabled them 'to be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth'."

This moral base, as the quotation implies, cannot be established on purely rational grounds: "Like it or not, we owe the persistence of certain practices, and the civilization that resulted from them, in part to support from beliefs which are not true — or verifiable or testable — in the same sense as our scientific statements, and which are certainly not the result of rational argumentation."

Hayek's exposure of the fatal flaw in socialism follows from this with the now-familiar argument that the complexity of the extended order, its continuous adaptation to evolutionary pressures, and its dependence on values and intuitions which cannot be fully spelt out or rationally justified, mean that knowledge is never sufficient for effective centralized and long-term planning.

Only a stable morality, tested by long experience and buttressing a freely competitive system, can enable an extended order to cope with problems which lie over the immediate horizon; and only such a morality can provide the necessary counterbalance to the destructive pressures of individual self-interest.

It is not my intention to criticize or commend this thesis, nor to capitalize on it as a puff for religion. I simply point out a dilemma which seems to me inherent in Hayek's exposition, and which I suspect gives rise to much of the ill-informed skirmishing between politicians and churchmen.

At the heart of Hayek's thesis lies the distinction between his "extended order" with its largely impersonal and undirected mode of functioning, and more intimate groupings which may have particular goals and within which relationships are personal. Like the Prime Minister he eschews the word "society" which unhelpfully includes both personal and impersonal types of relationship, thereby creating endless obfuscation.

"Society" and "community" have their origins in fairly small groups of people who can know one another and behave towards one another as neighbours. Their meanings have been inflated to include almost any group of any size, which by being thus labelled is somehow made to seem as if it were a single coherent entity. "Society must become more environmentally conscious" presumably means "everybody". "Community care" implies that there is actually a community to do the caring. And the common substitution of the term "poll tax" for the term "community charge" reflects reality as people actually perceive it: to be charged for "the community" in this sense is not in the least like paying a subscription to a club.

The dilemma occurs because most religiously based moralities, and this is certainly true within Christianity, have remained essentially moralities of "the neighbour". For Christians, community, face-to-face relationships, and personal caring, lie at the heart of their faith, and will always be contrasted unfavourably with the relatively impersonal operation of Hayek's extended order, no matter how strongly the morality which sustains this may in fact have sprung from Christian origins.

Hayek instances the family and property as the two essential pillars both of a religious morality and of a dynamic and successful extended order. The conjunction makes many Christians feel instinctively uneasy for reasons which lie deep in Christian beliefs about the nature of communion and community in their primary religious sense. Socialist planning ought to create a similar unease, and for the same reason. It often fails to do so because socialism can more easily use the rhetoric of caring, though in practice such caring at the level of the extended order inevitably proves to be just as impersonal as that administered by any other political system. The problem is one of size and complexity rather than motive.

There is a failure here on both sides. The churches have never really thought through the moral implications of living in an extended order, and often make their criticisms on the basis of presuppositions which pre-date or ignore it. Politicians, on the other hand, when conscious of the need for moral back-up, are tempted to look for this within the limited dimensions of their own timeframe, while being careless about the effects of structural changes on long-term religious and moral attitudes.

The present status of one of Hayek's twin pillars, the family, is a case in point, and there is an urgent need for more coherent strategic thinking among those who share his view of its importance.

Another aspect of the dilemma lies in the possibilities of feedback. For instance, success-orientated culture may feed back into the religious realm in such a way as to destroy it, distort it, or convert it into its own image with a consequent loss of moral power. The numerous "religions of success" in the United States are an example of what can happen, as is the relative failure of religious sensibility among the prosperous young in our own country.

I do not pretend to be able to resolve this dilemma. The important thing is to be aware of the subtle interactions between religions, morality and politics, and so to lift discussions about them above the level of repartee.

The writer is Archbishop of York.

Marriages

The Earl of Belfast and Miss C.M. Philipson
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Elmdon, Saffron Walden, Essex, of the Earl of Belfast, son of the Marquess and Marchioness of Donegall, of County Wexford, to Miss Caroline Philipson, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Christopher Philipson, of Elmdon. The Rev Roger Reed officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Edward Toller, William Frazer, Mary Frazer, Marina Smith-Bingham and Clemmie Innes. Mr Denis Critchley-Salmonson was best man.

Mr A.R. Yeates and the Hon Camilla Harmsworth
The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Church, High Hurstwood, East Sussex, of Mr Andrew Yeates, youngest son of the late Mr K.P. Yeates and of Mrs E.W. Yeates, of Sydney, Australia, to the Hon Camilla Harmsworth, youngest daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Rothermere. Canon C.J. Peters officiated, assisted by the Rev L. Gibson.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Augusta Ogilvy, Olivia Holcroft, Samantha Holcroft and Natalia Gilmour. Mr John Bryan was best man.

Mr W.H.C. Lambton and Miss S.M.G. Pym
A service of blessing was held on Saturday at St Mary's, Calstone, Wiltshire, after the marriage of Mr William Lambton, son of Major Charles and Lady Elizabeth Lambton, of Calstone, to Miss Sorrel Pym, daughter of Mrs Grace Pym, of Craughwell, Co Galway, and of Mr Michael Pym. Father E. Lewis officiated.

Mr S.C.J. Murray and Miss A.M.M. Neville
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden, Essex, of Mr Stephen Murray, only son of Mr Christopher Murray, of St Aubin, Jersey, and of the late Mrs Laura Wyndham, to Miss Amanda Neville, eldest daughter of the Hon Robin Neville, of Audley End, Essex, and of Mrs Christopher Parsons, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire. Canon Peter Harlow and Father A.H. Mayston officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sara, Emma and Lucinda Neville, Lucy Ramsay, Laura Murray, the Hon Emilie Hardinge, Christopher Ramsay, Alastair Murray, James Wentworth-Stanley, Miss Victoria Neville and Miss Arabella Neville. Mr Guy Rasch was best man.

A reception was held at Audley End House.

Mr A.J. Holderness and Miss C.E.M. Broadbent
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Shrewton, Wiltshire, of Mr Andrew Holderness, younger son of Sir Richard and Lady Holderness, of Pulborough, West Sussex, to Miss Charlotte Broadbent, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Broadbent, of Shrewton. The Bishop of Salisbury officiated, assisted by the Rev S.M.W. Trickett.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicholas Pailthorpe, Victoria Pailthorpe and Miss Katharine Broadbent. Mr Charles Barter was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr J.R. Boughey and Miss K.M. Fenwicke-Clennell
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 14, in Ripon Cathedral, of Mr James Boughey, younger son of the late Sir Richard Boughey, Bart, and of Lady Loch, and Miss Katy Fenwicke-Clennell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Warren Fenwicke-Clennell. The Reverend Canon David Ford officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Oliver and Rose Chadwyck-Healey, Oliver Fenwyck-Clennell, Genevieve Steele, Sophia and Victoria Brudenell, Harry Chetwynd-Talbot, Sam Grant-Dalton, Ralph Robertson and Sophie and Charles Steel. Captain Thomas Riall was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr T.W. Buckley and Miss A.V.E. Longworth
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Parish Church of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire, of Mr Timothy Buckley, younger son of Sir Richard and Lady Buckley, of Iver, Buckinghamshire, to Miss Annabel Longworth, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs A. Longworth, of Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire. The Rev Peter Radley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rachel Fairclough, Katie White and David White. Mr Andrew Morris was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr B. Alizadeh and Miss E.M. Bergl
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 7, at St Peter's Church, Marlow, between Mr Babak Alizadeh, son of Mr and Mrs Ali Alizadeh, of Tehran, and Miss Elizabeth Bergl, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Bergl, of Bermuda. Canon Anthony Griffiths officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Tracy D'Allesandro, Carly and Joanna Sparrow, James Bergl and Richard Sheehan. Mr Ramin Ghafari was best man.

A reception was held at the Compleat Angler Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr N.A. Bence-Trower and Miss N.S. Bell
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 14, at St Etheldreda's Church, London EC1 between Mr Nicholas Bence-Trower, and Miss Nicola Bell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy Bell, Rosemary Moore, Hermoine Elwes, Emilia and Henry Amodio and Rory McMullen. Mr Henry Parker was best man.

A reception was held at Drapers' Hall and the honeymoon is being spent in India.

Mr R. Butler and Miss J. Rackham
The marriage took place on Friday, September 22, in London between Mr Rupert Butler and Miss Joyce Rackham.

Mr J.B.S. Connell and Miss S.E. Aldridge
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 14, 1989 at St John's Parish Church, Wellington, Somerset, of Mr John Connell, son of the late Canon E.O. Connell and of Mrs P.E. Connell, of Edinburgh, and Miss Sarah Aldridge, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.A. Aldridge, of Wellington.

Mr H.J. Grootenhuis and Miss S.M. Mann
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 14, at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford, of Mr Hugh Grootenhuis, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Grootenhuis, to Miss Sarah Mann, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Mann. The Ven Canon Raymond Birt officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jack and Sophie Mann, Katherine and Alice Josselyn, Edgar and Perdita Mann and Rosie Norman. Mr Dermot Brady was best man.

A reception was held at West Woodhay.

Mr I.C.S. Hunt and Miss D.M. Osmond
The marriage took place on October 7, at St Mary's Church, Amport, between Mr Iain Hunt, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hunt, of Knights Enham, Andover, and Miss Davina Osmond, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Osmond, of Grateley, Andover.

Mr H.F. Inglessis and Miss M.S. Martin
The marriage took place on Thursday, October 12, in London, of Mr Ricky Inglessis and Miss Margaret Martin.

Mr K.M. Lyons and Miss V.C. Lloyd
The marriage was solemnised at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Poltimore, Devon, on September 23, between Kerrin Maurice Lyons, fourth son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Lyons and Virginia Clare, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs John Lloyd.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H.D. Charteris and Miss K.H. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Jamie, only son of the late Hugo Charteris and Mrs Virginia Charteris, of Bubwith, Yorkshire, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr G.B. Shaw, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mrs Valerie Shaw, of Skipwith, Yorkshire.

Mr J.J. Crawford and Miss S.M. Marcell
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs I.W. Crawford, of Fryers House, Braughing Friars, Hertfordshire, and Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M. Marcell, of Weavers End, Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A.P. Harvell and Miss A.L.C. Nixon
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.J. Harvell, of Ensbury Park, Bournemouth, Dorset, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Nixon, of Wellow, Bath, Avon.

Captain N.D. Morgan and Captain K.M. Wells, QARANC
The engagement is announced between Captain Nigel Morgan, Royal Corps of Transport, second son of Mr and Mrs D.P.G. Morgan, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Wells, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Captain S.R. Long and Miss H.J.D. Vickers
The engagement is announced between Captain Stephen Long, RA, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Long, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Hilary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Vickers, of Bickley, Kent.

Mr T.R. Sale and Miss C.J. Hellwell
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.W. Sale, of Ilderton, Northumberland, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Hellwell, of Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire.

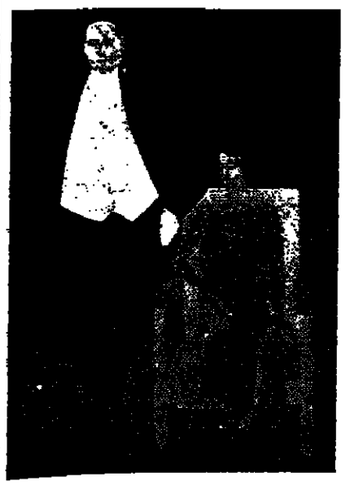
Mr L. Steele and Miss N.M. Crittall
The engagement is announced between Lawson, son of Mr Roger Steele, of Seaford, Sussex, and Mrs Alice Price, of San Francisco, California, and Nichola Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Crittall, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Steyn and Miss T.S. Roussel
Mr and Mrs P. Lyon Roussel, of Woodstock, Oxford, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tanya, to David, son of Mr and Mrs John Steyn, of Aberdeen.

Mr P.M. Wallace-Woodroffe and Miss S.E. Murray
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr Albert Wallace-Woodroffe, of West Park, Crediton, Devon, and the late Kathleen Wallace-Woodroffe, and Sara, daughter of Mr Anthony Murray, of Florida, USA, and Mrs Patricia Murray, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Pick of the week

CHRISTIE'S



LÉON SPILLIAERT'S perceptive portrait of P. G. van Hecke and his wife, Norine, is an unusually colourful work. It depicts the Brussels dealer, van Hecke, who supported the Surrealists and Symbolists during the 1920's at his gallery known at first as 'Selection' and then as 'Centaur'. Norine ran a successful 'Maison de Couture' in Brussels. Léon Spilliaert (1881-1946) was a Belgian 'Symbolist' painter, whose idiosyncratic style was a fusion of Gauguin and Redon in France and the Pre-Raphaelites in England. This important picture will be included in the sale of Modern Belgian Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture to be held at Christie's, King Street on Thursday, 19 October at 2.30 p.m. The sale covers the full spectrum of the late 19th and early 20th century Belgian artistic movements, from the Paris orientated avant garde such as 'Les XX' to the Symbolists and the Flemish Expressionists.

For further information on this and any other sales in the next week, please telephone (01) 839 9060.

Léon Spilliaert: Portrait of P. G. van Hecke and Norine, signed and dated Léon Spilliaert 20, pastel and black gouache on paper. Estimate: £90,000-120,000

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OBITUARIES

PROF ALASTAIR DUDGEON

Advances in vaccination to fight disease

Professor Alastair Dudgeon, CBE, MC, who died on October 9, aged 72, was largely responsible for the protection of young girls against rubella by vaccination in this country, with a startling reduction in congenitally malformed babies.

He led a life remarkably similar to that of his distinguished father, Professor L.S. Dudgeon. Microbiology was their subject: the father a bacteriologist, the son a virologist. Both became internationally renowned for their work on vaccine production with the aim of preventing disease, both became Dean of their medical schools, the father at St Thomas's, the son at the Institute of Child Health. Both were appointed CBE.

After Repton and Cambridge, Alastair, who was born on November 9, 1916, arrived at St Thomas's in 1937. When war was declared medical studies were for the time being put into cold storage. In the Western desert he saw action with Montgomery's Army. Dudgeon was wounded and awarded his first Military Cross before the battle of Alamein; afterwards he was again wounded, this time more severely, and awarded a Bar to his MC.



Back home, he returned to St Thomas's — study, exams, qualifications and soon entrance to the pathology field as trainee in the Army's Scrub Typhus Team. Further experience at the National Institute for Medical Research in Viral Diseases was beginning to shape his future.

He was appointed to a nominal post at the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street in 1948, but facilities were negligible. After seven years elsewhere, he was ready to return to Great Ormond Street where the hospital financial scene was now rosier.

Dudgeon was to work with measles, with poliomyelitis and other viruses but it was rubella (German Measles) which was his particular interest. He attracted a team of enthusiastic research workers and formulated the policy adopted by the UK Government in the use of rubella vaccines on a selective basis.

He became Dean of the Institute of Child Health, a post he held for eight years. From 1972 he was Consultant Adviser in Infectious Diseases to the World Health Organisation.

Post-war he continued to be involved with the Territorial Army. His CBE was awarded for military work and medical services as a full Colonel.

The Society of Apothecaries was yet a different interest and having served on the Court he became Master.

Dudgeon was known for being clear headed, farseeing and industrious, qualities which were matched by his courteous and kindly manner. He married in 1945 Patricia Ashton, who died in 1969. They had two sons, who survive him with his second wife: he married Joyce Tibbetts in 1974.

SIR HENRY WARE

Tackling government's legal issues

Sir Henry Ware, a former Treasury Solicitor, who died on October 12 aged 77, was responsible earlier in his career for implementing statutory control over prices and incomes.

Henry Gabriel Ware, who was born on July 23, 1912, entered the Office of the Treasurer Solicitor, the central legal department for the government, in 1939 as a legal adviser and served in it (with interruption for wartime military service) for the rest of his career. He acted as adviser to several Departments, notably Transport and Defence. Ware was Treasury Solicitor from 1971 to 1975 until he retired.

For some ten years after the war he advised the Ministry of Transport with his main responsibility being involvement with road transport problems. After a short spell assisting in setting up the Independent Television Authority, he moved in 1955 on promotion to advise the Admiralty and Air Ministry.

In the field of defence he had more general responsibilities, in particular dealing with issues over the Sovereign Base areas in Cyprus, following its independence, and in the negotiations relating to the future of the naval dockyard in Malta.

It was in the mid-1960s that Ware reached the zenith of his power. As principal legal adviser to the Department of Economic Affairs he was responsible for implementing the first statutorily-based policy of control over prices and incomes. The exercise coincided with the economic crisis of July 1966 and called for drastic legislative measures. This was master-minded by Ware who, with his colleagues, worked day and night for many weeks to bring it to fruition.

For the last years of his career Ware, as head of the Office, was required to discharge more of a management function. As chairman of the newly created Central Management Committee for the government legal service he had to cope with many problems relating to staffing of legal services required throughout Whitehall. This he accomplished with his customary skill and tact.

There was no pretence or humbug about Henry Ware. He always knew what was required legally in the real, practical world in which he, and those who relied on him, had to operate.

Ware leaves three surviving sons.

CESARE ZAVATTINI

Inspiration of neo-realist cinema

Cesare Zavattini, the Italian screenwriter who was a central figure in post-war Neo-Realism, has died in Rome at the age of 86.

His contribution to the movement was in the films he wrote for the director Vittorio de Sica including *Shoeshine*, *Bicycle Thieves*, *Miracle in Milan* and *Umberto D*, studies of ordinary people shot mainly on location and using non-professional actors.

Bicycle Thieves, the most famous and commercially successful of the Neo-Realist cycle, illustrated the strengths and essence of the style through a simple story of an unemployed man's search for the bicycle on which a job depends. It won an Oscar for the best foreign film.

Umberto D, another critical success but a failure at the box office, charted an old age pensioner's struggle against loneliness and destitution. Though, like all the Zavattini-de Sica collaborations, tending towards sentimentality, it remains a powerfully human story.

During his career Zavattini wrote the screenplays for more than 40 films and apart from de Sica worked with several other internationally distinguished directors, including René Clement and Luchino Visconti.

Born in Luzzara Emila in 1902, Zavattini was a journalist and film critic in Milan before entering the cinema. He wrote his first film, a comedy, in 1935 and first worked (uncredited) with de Sica in 1941, though his concern with everyday life and social issues did not emerge until the following year in a film for Alessandro Blasetti, *Four Steps in the Clouds*.

The collaboration with de Sica developed through *The Children Are Watching Us*, showing the breakdown of a marriage through the eyes of a child, and *La Porta del Cielo*, which dealt with the effects on ordinary lives of the war and the Resistance.

The two men worked as a virtually equal partnership, in which Zavattini's political acumen blended with de Sica's humanity to give a unique insight into the lives of ordinary Italians during the difficult war and post-war period.

Zavattini continued to work with de Sica through the 1950s but their films became increasingly sentimental and subject to commercial pressures. *Stazione Termini* was partly financed from Hollywood and had American stars, Jennifer Jones and Montgomery Clift.

More artistically successful was *Il Tetto* (1956) which returned to the Neo-Realist style by taking its theme from the housing shortage. In 1960 de Sica and Zavattini had an international hit with *Two Women*, a drama of the Second World War which starred Sophia Loren and won an Oscar.

In 1970 Zavattini worked on de Sica's last important film, *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, a study of the treatment of Italian Jews by the Nazis, but he was only one of several scriptwriters and his name did not appear on the final credits.

Dinners

The British-American Chamber of Commerce
The annual dinner of the Advisory Board of the BACC was hosted by Mr Richard Greenbury, Chief Executive of Marks & Spencer plc, at 47 Baker Street, London W1, on Wednesday, October 11. Professor Roland Smith, Chairman, presided. Those present were:
Mr Gerald M Arbasmeg, CBE, Mr Thomas P Frost, Mr Derek Hornby, Mr Tinsley N Irvin, Mr Martin J Laing, Mr Desmond O'Connell Jnr, Mr Brian Pearce, Mr John L Preston Jnr, Mr Peter M Volz, President of the BACC and Members of the UK and US Executive Committees.

Insolvency Practitioners Association
Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel were guests of honour at the annual banquet of the Insolvency Practitioners Association held on Friday evening at Guildhall. The new President, Mr Stephen Adamson, officially accepted his term of office. Mr Garth MacGirr, President of Insol International, replied on behalf of the guests, who included representatives from the major professional bodies, government departments and clearing banks.

Birthdays today

Lord Adrian, 62; Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 53; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 67; Mr Gunter Grass, writer, 62; Dr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 88, Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 42; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 64; Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor, 74; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, 72; the Most Rev Thomas Morris, former Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 75; Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, 48; the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, president, Queens' College, Cambridge, 59; Sir John Winnifrith, civil servant, 81.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Albrecht Von Haller, botanist, anatomist and poet, Bern, 1708; Noah Webster, lexicographer, Hartford, Connecticut, 1758; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington Quay, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Böcklin, painter, Basel, 1827; Oscar Wilde, Dublin, 1854; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, first prime minister of Israel 1948-53, 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, New York, 1888; Michael Collins, Irish patriot, Clonakilty, Co Cork, 1890.

DEATHS: Luca Signorelli, painter, Cortona, Italy, 1523; Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, bishops, Protestant reformers, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1555; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1774; Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, executed, Paris, 1793; John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802; Henry Martyn, missionary, Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Liaquat Ali Khan, first prime minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assassinated, Rawalpindi, West Punjab, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953, Washington, 1959. Napoleon Bonaparte arrived at St Helena to be imprisoned there for life, 1815.

The House of Commons was burned down, 1834. The first aeroplane flight in England was by Samuel Cody, at Farnborough, 1908. The German war criminals, Joseph von Ribbentrop and Artur von Seyss-Inquart were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946. Cardinal Karl Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope with the name of John Paul II, 1978.

Viscount Runciman of Doxford

A memorial service for the late Viscount Runciman of Doxford will be held at St Clement Danes Church, The Strand, WC2 on November 29, at 12 noon. For further information please phone Hilary Edwards on 01-481 1461.

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BIRTHS

BACK - On October 12th at Dulwich Hospital to Georgina and Christopher, a daughter, Clare Victoria Beatrice.

CANNON - On October 12th 1989, to Rowena (née Roach) and Max, a daughter, Louise Monica May.

MAHBURY - On October 7th, to Helen (nee Lenton) and Damian, a daughter, Rebecca Louise.

MOODY - On October 9th in Fort Knox Kentucky U.S.A to Annie and John a son Patrick.

RIGAL - On 11th October 1989, to Jolie and David, a son, Joshua Wynn.

TENNANT - On Thursday 12th October to Conchy and Jonathan, a son, Oliver James Dalfour, - a brother for Rosanna.

WALKER-ARNOTT - On October 12th, to Debby (nee Ounsted) and Richard, a son, Charles Laurence.

MARRIAGES

O'REGAN:NEWMAN - The marriage of Mr Michael O'Regan and Miss Zarina Newman took place at St Dominic's Priory, London, NW5, on Saturday 30th September 1989. Father Peter officiated.

DEATHS

BARNARD - On October 11th, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Sevenoaks, Ronald Frank, beloved husband of Margaret, adored father of Jane and Christine and their families. Cremation Service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, on Thursday October 19th at 11.30 am, to be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Hadlow, on October 31st at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

BECKETT - On October 12th 1989, in Carberry Ward, The Royal Free Hospital, Dr. Gordon Beckett, in the presence of his beloved wife. Cremation Service in the East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday October 20th at 1.20 pm. Flowers by 12 noon to J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, NW3, tel: 01-794 3535. A Memorial Service will be held in the Royal Free Hospital Chapel on Friday November 10th at 1.15 pm.

BECKWITH On October 13th 1989, suddenly in Highgate, Gladys Rubery (née Barley), widow of William Albert, Late of Brompton-by-Sawdon, N. Yorks, formerly of Leeds and Ilkley, and mother of Canon John Beckwith. Funeral 2pm Thursday October 19th, St Anne's Church, Highgate West Hill N6. Followed by private cremation and interment of ashes in Brompton-by-Sawdon.

BRENNER - On October 12th, in Mayday Hospital, Croydon. Allan James, dearly loved father of Angela and Martin and grandfather of Louise, Andrew, Hannah, Alexandra and Frances. Funeral at South London Crematorium on Friday October 20th at 2pm.

CHOYCE - On 13th October peacefully at East Farndon, Market - Harborough. Jan O.B.E. in her 81st year. A much loved lady. Her funeral will take place at East Farndon Church on Thursday, 19th October at 2.00 P.M. Enquiries to Bretherions, Turpin & Pell, 16 Church Street, Rugby. (0788) 73431. Glorious words of thee are spoken, Zion City of our God.

DITCHFIELD - On 11th October 1989, peacefully at Battlewood, Battle, Stewart, dearly loved husband of Marion and dearest father of Sandra. Cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday 20th October at 3 pm. Flowers to Mummery, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill. Tel: Bexhill 730418 or donations to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House, Tavistock Street, London WC1.

GUTHRIE - SYLVIA KEMA M.D. M.R.C.P. Peacefully on October 12 aged 91. Retired Consultant Paediatrician, daughter of Prof. S.J. Hickson F.R.S. and mother to John and Jenny also Gran to Kema, Keith, Stephen, Patrick, Jane, Kathryn and Victoria. Funeral service to take place at Manchester Crematorium on Thursday October 19 at 12-noon. All enquiries, to William Peacock's Funeral Directors. Tel. 061 445 3397.

HOLROYD SMITH - On October 11th 1989, peacefully at Oakwood Nursing Home, Harting. Mary, much loved mother of Dawn Nelson and stepmother to Peter and Michael Holroyd Smith. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Felpham, Bognor Regis at 11am on Friday 20th October. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

KERR - On Wednesday 11th October 1989 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh, Miss Mary Evelyn (Maymie) in her 95th year after a short illness, sometime teacher at the Mary Erskine School, Edinburgh. Mourned by her many friends and former pupils. Funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh on 18th October at 10 45 am.

LONGSTAFF - On 11th October 1989, suddenly at home Doctor Stephanie Elgin Adwoa Fosua (Fos) of Coldington Avenue, Bedford, M.B., B.S., F.C., Anaes. Beloved wife of William. Cherished daughter of Doctor Kobina and Mrs. Esi Taylor. Loving sister of Esstide, Mina, Babs, and Jess. Loving and beloved daughter in law of Doctors John and Peggy Longstaff. Much loved sister in law of Fiona, Sian and Marianne and the families. Loved by all who knew her. Funeral service at St.Peter's Church, De Parys Avenue, Bedford on Friday 20th October at 1.45 pm. Any further enquires to Clarabut & Plumbe, Funeral Directors, Kingsway, Bedford. (0234) 54547.

LOWE - On 12th October 1989, tragically in hospital, Alan Thomas, aged 47 years, of Camberley, Surrey. Dearly loved husband of Maureen and much loved father of Beverly and Deborah. Thanksgiving Service for all his many friends and colleagues in St Paul's Church, Camberley, on Wednesday 18th October at 10 am, followed by private cremation at the Margam Crematorium, South Wales. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Atkinson Morley Hospital, Wimbledon, may be sent to Camberley and District Funeral Service, 337 York Town Road, College Town, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 4QA.

MACKIE - On October the 12th, very suddenly at home, Colonel William Mackie IMS, aged 81. Beloved father of Graeme, Alastair and Cameron; grandfather of Charles, Alexander, Virginia and William and great-grandfather of George and Olivia.

McDONALD - On October 12th 1989, Melanie, loving daughter of Angus James. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Tuesday October 17th at 3 pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 4 pm.

MURPHY - James Gerard. On 6th October 1989, peacefully, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Edith and father of Margaret, Celia, Judith, Gabrielle, John, Helen and James.

MURRAY - On Oct. 13th 1989, Philippa Chevalier (née Kitchener), aged 94. Devoted widow of Brigadier Terence Desmond Murray CBE, DSO, MC, Royal Tank Regiment. Much loved mother of Molly, Bobby and Sheila. Funeral Service Bodmin Crematorium, Tuesday October 17th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to the Army Benevolent Fund, Dept DT 41, Queen's Gate, London SW7 5HR.

SCHNEIDER - On 11th October 1989, peacefully at home, Ines, in her 72nd year. Loving and dearly beloved wife of the late Herbert Schneider, dear mother to Edward, John and Isobel and grandmother of Johnathan, Laure, Rupert and Alexandra. Funeral Service in the Church of St Boniface, Antwerp, Belgium, on Tuesday 17th October at 11 am. Tele: 010-32-3666-4183.

SIMPSON - On October 13th, 1989, peacefully at St Edmunds Nursing Home, Bury St Edmunds, William Duncan, aged 87, much loved father of Shelagh, Jean and Judy and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Bury St Edmunds Crematorium on Tuesday October 17th, at 4.30pm. Flowers to L. Fulcher Limited, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds by 12 noon.

TORRENS - On October 13th 1989, peacefully at Mount Vernon Hospital, having bravely fought Muscular Dystrophy, Andrew, aged 17 years, much loved son of Daphne and John and brother of David. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, on Thursday October 19th at 10.15 am, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Muscular Dystrophy Group, c/o E. Spark Ltd., 104 Pinner Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BS.

VERMEYLEN - On October 11th 1989, peacefully at home in Gerrards Cross, after an illness actively and bravely fought, Catherine (Kay). Dearly loved wife of Peter and mother of Charles and Mark. Funeral Service on Wednesday 18th October at 12 noon, St James Parish Church, Gerrards Cross, Bucks., followed by private committal. Family flowers only please. Donations to the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, c/o Chalfonts Funerals Ltd., Montellow House, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks., SL9 9JB, telephone: (0753) 884674.

WOOD - On October 12th, 1989 after a short illness, Francis Colin Wood, in his 88th year, husband of the late Molly Wood. Service at St. Nicholas Compton on Wednesday October 25th at 2.45 pm, followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium.

WOODS - On October 12th, peacefully at home in Ovingdean, Sussex. Frank Unsworth Woods, aged 92 years. Beloved husband of Gladys and father of Barbara and John. Funeral Service at St Wulfran's Church, Ovingdean, on Thursday October 19th at 2 pm, followed by interment. Floral tributes may be sent to E. Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean. Tel: (0273) 303467.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HENCHMAN - A Memorial Service for Adrian Peter Wyche Henchman, Senior Partner and former London resident partner of Allen Allen & Hemsley, Australian solicitors, will take place at the Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall Yard, London EC2, on Thursday October 19, 1989 at 12 noon.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.

For publication the following day please telephone by 5.00 pm Mon-Thurs, 4pm Friday, 9.30am-1.00pm Sat for Monday's paper.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTY COHEN, son of the late MRS FAY COHEN, is sought by the Executors of the Estate of the late MRS COHEN. Last known address, 87 DROU HOUSE, ADELINA GROVE, MILE END, LONDON, E1. He or any one knowing his whereabouts should contact MR MILLER at PAISNER & CO, 154 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2DQ.

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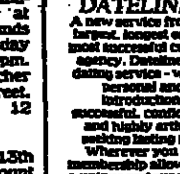
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The sinking of the Royal Oak by a German submarine while anchored in the supposedly-safe haven of Scapa Flow caused great concern. Prien, the daring U-boat captain, stated afterwards that he had lain outside the anchorage for two days observing how British patrol vessels made their way through naval defences and later followed the course they had taken.

ROYAL OAK SURVIVORS

The total number of survivors from the battleship Royal Oak of 29,150 tons, the sinking of which was announced by the Admiralty on Saturday, was yesterday found to be 414. Accompanying the eighth list of survivors yesterday was the following announcement:-

"The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to state that the possibility of there being further survivors must now be regarded as remote."

The ship's complement was about 1,200 and the lists of survivors are given on page 4. Apart from the announcement on Saturday morning that "HMS Royal Oak has been sunk, it is believed by U-boat action," there has so far been no official intimation of the circumstances in which the ship was lost.

RAPID SINKING INDICATED

From Our Naval Correspondent

No details are yet available of the loss of the Royal Oak. From the wording of the Admiralty announcement it would seem that at the time it was made on Saturday morning there was some doubt about how it actually occurred. If it was not the result of "U-boat action", it may have been through striking a mine, or possibly a torpedo from some enemy craft other than a submarine. It is possible that no fuller details will be made public, since to do so might be to give valuable information to the enemy which he could not obtain otherwise.

The Royal Oak was laid down in 1914, first commissioned in 1916, and took part in the Battle of Jutland, where she wore a silken ensign presented by the women of Devon, where she was launched. Her displacement was some 29,000 tons, and she was armed with eight 15in and 12 6in guns.

Having been laid down before the Great War her design did not embody the arrangements for protection against underwater weapons of which war experience showed the need and which have since been evolved. "Bulges" were added to ships of her class after the War, by which an improvement in protection was effected.

Nevertheless it would seem probable that the torpedo — if torpedo it was that sank her — must have been lucky enough to hit in a particularly vulnernable spot. The number of casualties, amounting it would seem to some two-thirds of the ship's company, indicates that she sank rapidly, though it may have been of course, that they were increased by other circumstances such as bad weather.

● The news of the loss of the Royal Oak has been received in France with the deepest regret, and expressions of the most sincere sympathy have come from every quarter..

As for the British achievement in disposing of three German submarines in one day (also reported elsewhere in this issue), the entire Press combines in praise of an efficiency which it is felt will very soon drive home in Germany the realization tha the submarine is its own worst enemy.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

COMMODORE: D M Jeffreys – appointed ADC to The Queen 21.10.89

CAPTAINS: M Bickley – Defence Attaché The Hague 24.11.89; V H Lucas – MOD Bath 3.11.89; A G M A Provest – appointed ADC to The Queen 20.10.89; J R Shiffner – appointed ADC to The Queen 25.10.89.

COMMANDERS: J A Belear – RNSC Greenwich – 2.2.90; D J Fifield – MOD London 3.4.90.

SURGEON COMMANDER: C G Johnston – RNH Plymouth 10.4.90.

Retirements

REAR ADMIRAL: R A Isaac – 21.10.89.

ROYAL MARINES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: G F Smart – Dept of CGRM 16.1.90.

MAJORS: M J Samuelson – HQ Cdo Forces RM as Loc Lt Col. 3.1.90; J M Watkins – Dept of CGRM 8.5.89; I McNeill – Centurion, 17.4.90; P A Wilson – Staff of COMAW, 2.4.90; P D George – HQ Cdo Forces RM 26.3.90.

The Army

BRIGADIER: J C Holman – To be comd 2 Inf Bde. 26.10.89.

COLONELS: J A Wright – To HQ UKLF, 16.10.89; D K W Farrant – To be DA Brasilia.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: W F Butt RE PCS – To be CO 3 PC Regt. 16.10.89; I R S Clarke WFR – To IMRO(S). 16.10.89; D C Setchell RE – To RE MRO, 16.10.89; D R Summers RE – To be CO 1 Trg Regt RE. 16.10.89; G W Henderson RRF – To be CO 2 RRF. 20.10.89.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: P N O Plunkett – To RAF Waddington as Stn Cdr 20.10.89; C J Rowe – To MOD AFD 13.10.89.

WING COMMANDER: R M Gibbon – To CDCN Rudloe Manor 16.10.89; M F F Common – To HQ AFNORTH 20.10.89; R G Powell – To RAF Wyton 20.10.89; J S Hogan – To MOD AFD 16.10.89; N J Wright – To HQ RAFSC 16.10.89; H M Randall – To RAF Church Fenton 16.10.89; R H Spooner – To MOD AFD 16.10.89; R G S Mabbott – To RAF Swinderby 16.10.89; J W Davies – To MOD AFD 16.10.89.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Arthur Jones, head of the School of Agriculture at Aberdeen, to be Principal of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, from next September.

Mrs Gillian Greenwood has succeeded Mrs Laurie Weston as National Organizer of the Alexandra Rose Day.

SCIENCE REPORT

Tropical forest clearance cuts bird population in America

The strongest evidence to date that migratory birds are adversely affected by the destruction of forests comes from a new study reported in the latest issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (vol 86, pp 7658-7662).

Chandler S. Robbins, of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Centre in Maryland, and colleagues show that woodland birds that breed in the eastern United States and Canada but spend the winter in tropical forest in Central and South America are seen less often now than they were ten years ago.

Between 1978 and 1987, populations of 44 such migrant species (out of a total of 62) declined, 20 of them significantly. This compares ill with the period between 1966 and 1978, when declines were reported for 15 species, only six of these significantly, and 47 species were reported to be on the increase.

Fragmentation of forests in northern breeding grounds is partly to blame, but the researchers show that deforestation in the tropics has a greater effect: "Evidence now supports the view that human activities in both regions are having dramatic impacts on the populations of migratory birds".

Conservationists first suspected that something was amiss when returns from the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) showed big decreases in the numbers of several familiar species of migrant bird. Every June since 1966, teams of birdwatchers have recorded bird sightings in a systematic way. BBS data are so good that population trends in 370 bird species can be estimated with some confidence, stretching back to the mid-1960s.

But this drop could have been a *spurious effect*, caused by inattention on the part of the birdwatchers, albeit on an improbably big scale. But the lack of significant change in BBS records of birds resident all the year round, and species that migrate to other areas besides tropical forests, suggested that forest migrants really were declining; progressively poorer observation would have shown up as an apparent decline in all groups, *irrespective* of their habitat preferences.

Nevertheless, overwintering birds and temperate-zone migrants have their own ecological problems, so they cannot really be compared directly with tropical forest migrants to gauge relative population trends: this would be like trying to predict next year's wheat harvest on the basis of this year's barley.

The way out of this difficulty is to examine the habitat of each migrant species during its winter holiday in the tropics, and its summer breeding season in North America, and relate this information to population trends. This is what Robbins and colleagues have done.

Birds that breed or overwinter in scrubland or disturbed, open habitats fared better than those that prefer mature, virgin forest - prime candidates for clearance. This trend was most marked for birds that overwinter in forests, rather than simply breeding there. Because these birds go south for the winter, this suggests that deforestation in the tropics has a greater effect on bird numbers than deforestation in North America, at least in recent years.

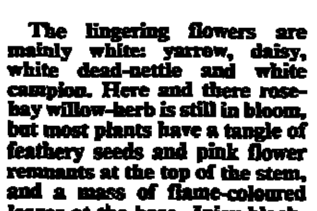
Some birds swap habitats, providing an ideal test for the researchers' ideas. Birds that breed in woods and overwinter in scrubland did well, but those that breed in open country but overwinter in forest did much worse: more support for the idea that the destruction of tropical forests is an important factor in the decline of migratory bird populations.

Henry Gee

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Nature notes

GOLDFINCH



Great spotted woodpeckers are defending their feeding and roosting sites vigorously. Clinging to a bough, they throw their heads back and emit loud, sharp calls, like a hammer-blow on metal. When they are excited like this, they permit close approach and, besides their overall black and white pattern, the red patches on their nape and under their tail can be clearly seen.

Some goldfinches have left Britain, but many remain. Small flocks of them seem to dance through the air with a tinkling note, then dive abruptly down into a tree; a moment later they are off again.

The slow turning of the leaves is producing a colourful autumn. Hawthorn leaves are cherry-red; field maples are a clear watery yellow. The terracotta leaves falling from the wild service trees are the same colour as the wrinkled fruit on the twigs.

The lingering flowers are mainly white: yarrow, daisy, white dead-nettle and white campion. Here and there rosebay willow-herb is still in bloom, but most plants have a tangle of feathery seeds and pink flower remnants at the top of the stem, and a mass of flame-coloured leaves at the base. Juicy blackberries are abundant and there are many red berries still to ripen.

DJM

Application for Queen's Counsel

Barristers wishing to apply for appointment as Queen's Counsel are reminded that the closing date for applications is Friday, Octobert 27. Application forms may be obtained from the Lord Chancellor's Department, House of Lords, London SW1A OPW (telephone 01-219 5918 or 01-219 5288).

Church news

Church in Wales

The Rev Chancellor I R Luther Thomas, Vicar of Sketty, Swansea, to be Archdeacon of Gower from 1st January, 1990.

The Rev Brian H Jones, Vicar of Llansamlet, Rural Dean of Cwmtawe, to be Residentiary Canon of Brecon Cathedral, Diocesan Missioner and Priest-in-Charge of Capel Coelbren.

Diocese of St Asaph

The Reverend Jason Kennett-Orpwood, Vicar in the rectorial benefice of Wrexham, to be Vicar of Rhosrobin, near Buckley.

Latest wills

Mr Kenneth Cameron Sinclair, of Westminster, chief executive, British Sugar Corporation 1971-77, left estate valued at £339,085 net.

Mr Herbert Charles Hill, of Elham, Kent, left estate valued at £1,690,452 net.

Mr Bertram Frederick Watson, of North Hinksey, Oxford, manciple of All Souls, Oxford, left estate valued at £149,411 net.

Mr Greville Millward, of Sidcup, Kent, left estate valued at £553,170 net. He died intestate.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Walter James Clark, of Cherington, Gloucestershire........£951,846.

Mr John Edmund Laycock Clements, of Radlett, Hertfordshire........£743,831.

Is modern dance a fading fashion? **Debra Craine** looks at the conflicting signals from audience figures and official reports and finds grounds for optimism

Two steps back and one forward

Has contemporary dance lost its audience? When the Policy Studies Institute published a report last month of declining audiences for contemporary dance, critics were quick to conclude that the art form had lost its appeal. But in the past six months, a quiet renaissance has been developing which should throw all the detractors off balance.

The survey by the independent research body found that average attendances for performances by Britain's two main contemporary companies — Rambert and London Contemporary Dance Theatre — had fallen from a peak average of 801 in 1983/84 to 598 in 1988/89. Figures from the Arts Council reveal that LCDT was particularly hard hit, losing one-third of its audience in the last financial year when the number of people seeing the company fell from 60,000 to 40,000.

Sue Hoyle, the Arts Council's dance director, believes audiences plunged with the end of the fitness craze which brought dance into vogue in the early 1980s. "Dance was particularly fashionable at that time and the most available product was those two touring companies. Now there's greater choice of all forms of dance, and hopefully we have a better informed and possibly more critical audience."

But some critics believe the companies themselves drove audiences away with their programming. John Ashford, director of London's Place Theatre, says, "A lot of people got fed up with cold, sculpted dance that doesn't move the emotions. Rambert is losing audiences because the work is boring and inaccessible."

Judith Mackrell, dance critic and member of the Arts Council's dance panel, thinks Rambert and LCDT suffered a loss of popularity partly "because London Contemporary ran out of good choreography and Rambert presented some very dry, difficult programmes."

Choreographer Matthew Bourne, whose Adventures in Motion Pictures is one of Britain's most successful small-scale companies, says the emphasis on abstract work has put many people off. "There's a lot to be said for dance just for the sake of dance, but a whole evening of it, perhaps with difficult music and maybe the designs are difficult too, is very alienating."

It is a criticism the mainstream companies reject. Roger Taylor, Rambert's administrative director, says: "It has become fashionable to talk of contemporary dance in those terms, but it's not the case. If you could have seen us in Manchester last week with hundreds of young people cheering and whistling, they weren't alienated by what was happening on stage."

If audiences ever were put off by what they saw, they do not appear to be now. Rambert claims to have halted the decline in its attendance in the last few months. Taylor says the company's recent Manchester season played to 93 per cent capacity and the Newcastle season in December already has taken in twice as many advance bookings as last year.

LCDT also reports a substantial increase in audiences for its three-week regional tour in May, with an average rise of 38 per cent. A further 22 per cent increase was reported for Southampton earlier this month, despite a 25 per cent hike in ticket prices. "We're not just putting on rubbish in a desperate attempt to get audiences. And we're not giving tickets away. There are challenging and innovative works and audiences are responding to it very positively," says Chris May, LCDT's head of marketing.

Indications are that the small-scale companies have benefited from a renewed interest in dance, too. Adventures in Motion Pictures has upped its regional touring to a planned 17 weeks next year from 10 this year in response to popular demand.

The Place Theatre, arguably the most important venue for experimental dance in this country, supports the claims of a renaissance. In the past three years, the number of dance performances at the theatre has risen by 25 per cent, while audiences have grown by 45 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Dance Umbrella festival has been steadily building audiences for experimental contemporary dance for a decade. In 1978, when the London-based festival began, total attendance was less than 5,000. Ten years later the figure had reached 19,000, and artistic director Val Bourne predicts that this year's Dance Umbrella will attract up to 21,000 paying customers by the time its current six-week run ends in mid-November.

But if recent gains are to be protected, more government funding is needed to develop the talent Hoyle believes is out there. "The dance budget needs a minimum of an additional £800,000 a year, a large part of which would go to help smaller contemporary dance companies."

And Mackrell warns that the future of the art form is precarious as long as it fails to enjoy a secure economic base. "I'm optimistic about audience enthusiasm, but I'm nervous still about the amount of money going into contemporary dance being sufficient to keep the product coming."

CATHERINE ASHMORE



Cinema, by Richard Alston for Rambert Dance Co. From left: Jeremy James, Lucy Bethune, Paul Old, Alexandra Dyer and Michael Hodges

JEREMY WILLIAMS



Miyako Yoshida: radiance and perfect detail in *Divertimento No 15*

British dancers hold their own

DANCE

John Percival

Divertimento No 15

Hippodrome, Birmingham

George Balanchine enjoyed Mozart's Divertimento No.15 (K287) so much that he choreographed it twice. His affection for the music is apparent in every step. The dances flourish with just the same mixture of formal structure and seemingly spontaneous invention as the score.

To the theme and variations, he sets a series of solos for five women and three men, harmonious in texture but each vividly different: an amazingly sustained example of how to make classical dancing look free, warm and fresh. Then in the andante the same soloists arrive two by two for a series of equally sublime duets.

Between these twin peaks comes a minuet, quick, light and pretty, for eight supporting women, and varied entries for all the cast frame the ballet with an opening allegro and a joyous finale.

One could hardly expect the dancers of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, tackling the work for the first time, to match the ease and conviction of the casts which Balanchine's own New York City Ballet showed last month in Glasgow and Paris. Yet three of them could have stepped unblushingly into the American production.

Miyako Yoshida brings a radiant composure and bright, perfect detail to the final climactic entry in both the solos and the duets, and Sandra Madgwick's solo glitters with high, brilliant *entrechats* and sharply held arabesques.

Among the men, the best is Tony Fabre, a new recruit from Béjart's company: his light, supple strength and perfectly stretched feet are complemented by a face happy as well as handsome.

The other soloists could afford a more vigorous approach, but Victoria Simon's admirable restaging of the ballet will give both casts opportunities to explore and develop.

Peter Farmer's costumes are only slightly less good than the Karinska originals, but his back cloth with shadowy geometric patterns looks out of place with this baroque choreography.

The orchestra was directed by Terence Kern for this and *The Dream*, and by Stephen Lade in a lively account of Malcolm Arnold's music for Kenneth MacMillan's *Solitaire*.

John Percival

Heterospectives

Anthony d'Offay Gallery

Michael Clark's only show this year, curiously titled *Heterospectives*, differs from his recent work merely in the proportion of dance to other elements — bigger, an improvement — and in being given to a tiny audience in the upper rooms of an art gallery, Anthony d'Offay, at 23 Dering Street, W1.

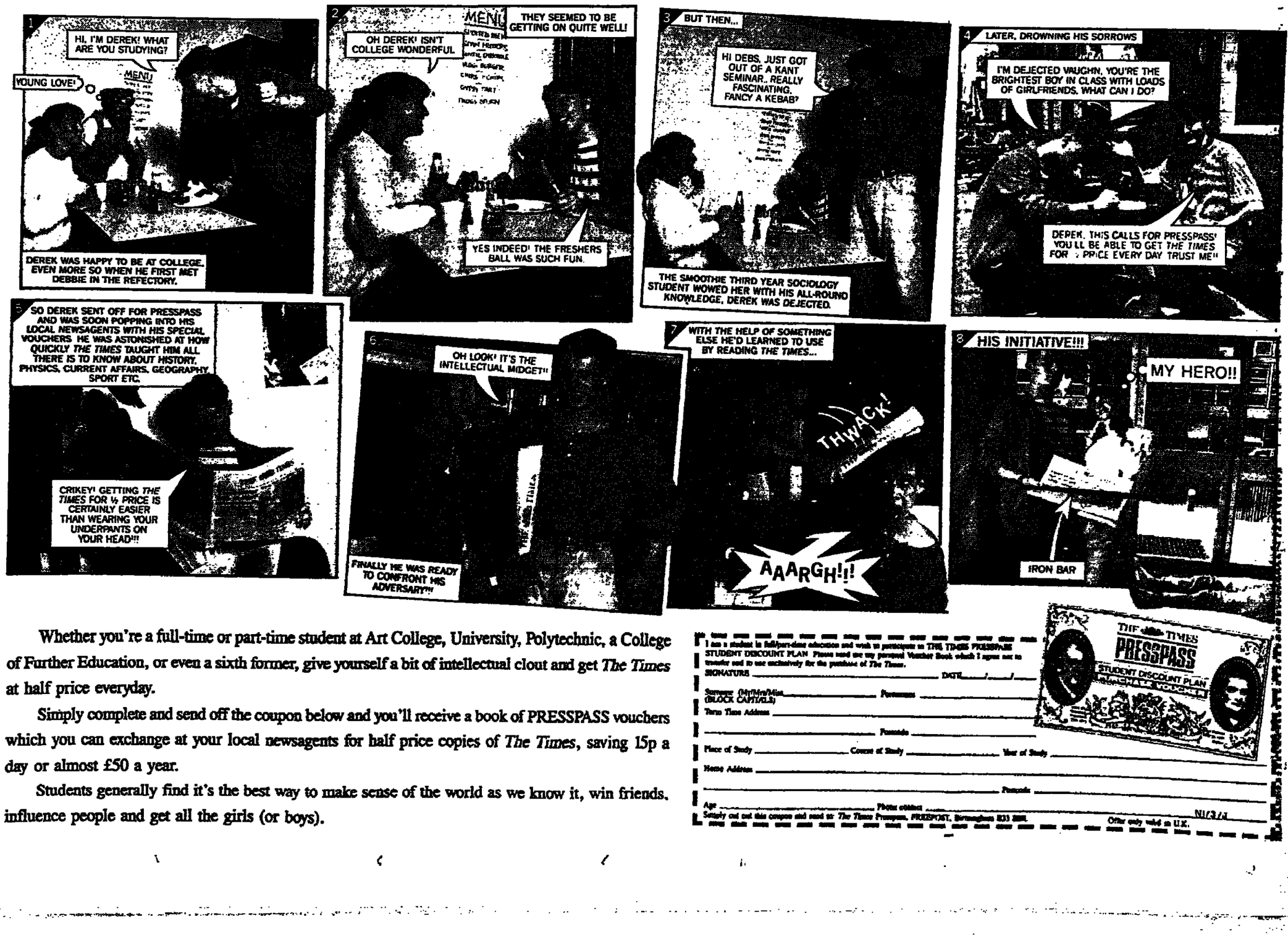
A sense of voyeurism is deliberately engendered by having part of the action take place in two adjoining rooms so that the audience must peer through doorways: also by the nature of the long opening sequence. This consists of Clark and his friend, the American dancer Stephen Petronio, covered only by a sheet, hugging, kissing and licking each other.

For those not turned on by this sight, I am doubtful whether the rest of the show offers enough to justify itself. The other dancers, including the admirable Russell Maliphant and two attractive young women, all appear nude, but Clark, although proudly displaying his rear view, hides the part other choreography cannot reach behind a big fur muff.

His own solos show his usual slippery agility and sharp finish. His costumes, though, are more striking, including a body suit with syringes stuck into large lumps all over, a get-up as a brightly coloured monster, and, for him and Petronio, see-through trousers and hooded tops decorated each with pictures of the other's face.

What the other dancers are given to do is mostly simple and repetitive. Leigh Bowery makes one of his appearances, this time as a nude woman, but mercifully brief. Sondheim (uncredited) joins the list of musical sources, and Clark's decor includes a row of penises along one wall.

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THE ARTS

Straight answers

TELEVISION
William Holmes

In the first of Channel 4's new series *Answering Back*, on Sunday afternoon, Rupert Murdoch, who is said to own 84 newspapers, made a startling prediction about the future of our country. There was going to be "a major revival of religion". The object of this new cult remained unclear.

Mary Goldring, emerging from the cocoon of radio, fluttered into action, describing Murdoch among other things as "like a cat I once owned", but kept him smiling even when faced with the question of whether he was waiting to gobble up the BBC. "You mean buy the BBC?", he asked, looking genuinely incredulous while making a mental note to inquire into the current value of this going concern. He suggested that the BBC gave up doing the things for which it is indispensible, such as news, and concentrated on the cultural products which would condemn it to a marginalized existence.

Goldring got little further than many others on the financial basis of Murdoch's operation, or on the motivation for its growth, though she did elicit the new opinion that the well of support for Sky was not without a bottom line. On the question of editorial independence Murdoch was jocularly adamant. If an editor of his wished to withdraw support from Mrs Thatcher and promote Neil Kinnock as the next prime minister, he said: "I'd send him to see a psychiatrist."

The BBC, ever alert to the Murdoch threat, was ready with its defence the previous evening: *Saturday Night Clive* (BBC 2) is allegedly to be privatized, so that we the viewers can share the massive profits arising out of this exchange of global television. If what we receive in exchange is the truly appalling Morton Downey, jun., we will have only ourselves to blame: his American chat show, which gave unprecedented amounts of the oxygen of publicity to blind prejudice, has been cancelled because, he said, "it showed the audience out of control". All the evidence was that it showed the chat show host out of control.

It is a relief that Clive is using less dreadful television from around the world, but sad that he was reduced to the Wogan-like task of puffing Mel Brooks, whose new American series *The Nutt House* (BBC 2) was having its first showing the same night. This saga of hotel mismanagement is *Fawlty Towers* with the jokes left out, a sad reflection on America, where machine-like hotels lack the touches of individuality offered by Basil, Manuel, and the moose. At present the new show is a laboured saga notable only for two characters: a housekeeper drawn from Leona Helmsley and a proprietress drawn from Miss Havisham.

John Russell Taylor on three British 20th-century artists, two dead and one living, currently the subject of perceptive retrospective shows

Increasingly abstract

FINE ART
John Russell Taylor

Painter Ivon Hitchens is one of those British artists – Matthew Smith is another – who are recognized as modern masters but who seem to get left out of major gallery shows. Perhaps it is because they do not fit comfortably into fashionable niches. So it is pleasing to see a sensitively selected, beautifully hung show of Hitchens at the Serpentine Gallery (until November 30). With 45 paintings spaciously laid out, it is the kind of show this gallery used to do well, but has shied away from in the last few years, preferring to hobble lamely after the avant-garde.

Not that Hitchens was not, in his own very subdued, English way, advanced enough for local taste: I heard a lady in the gallery saying "Oh yes, I like him very much, but I don't claim to understand him". Hitchens himself would probably have replied that this is just what was wrong with most English art appreciation: the desire to "understand", meaning to be able to formulate verbally the significance of a piece. If ever there was an artist who asks you to do no more than open your eyes, without prejudice, and let your senses respond, it was Hitchens.

He comes out of a landscape tradition going straight back to Constable, and the earliest paintings in this show, from the early Thirties, are subdued in colour, with touches of French influence creeping into their meticulously atmospheric notation of wood and flower. As time goes on, the colours get bolder, the forms get simpler, and by Hitchens's last decade (he died in 1979) we could easily be looking at American abstract expressionist paintings.

The titles retain the landscape reference ("South Coast", "Arno", "A White House Surrounded by Trees"), and we can occasionally distinguish what might be a boat shape or a tree shape, but the effect is almost completely an abstract play of coloured shapes.

But although the paintings are done with a dash and delicacy which take one's breath away, there is a sameness, a formula, which becomes apparent the more you see of them. He never absolutely stood still, but he did become so at ease with his style that the lack of intellectual challenge becomes disturbing. The paintings could do with more true grit.

It is strange to think that Paul Nash was of the same generation as Hitchens. Partly this is because Nash died much younger: what style would he have reached if he had lived into his seventies? But Nash was also more precocious, and more exclusively English in his early artistic allegiances, starting with a schoolboy devotion to the Pre-Raphaelites and some of the "Last Romantics", of whom he was one himself.

The South Bank Centre show entitled *Places* (which begins its tour at the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne, until November 5) automatically emphasizes this side of Nash's work by confining itself to landscapes and his responses to specific places in southern England. It would be possible, and just as fair, to construct an alternative scenario, emphasizing Nash's career as a War Artist, his international connections, his links with Surrealism, his passion for found objects.

At certain points in their careers Nash and Hitchens were not so far apart. Their favourite stretches of country were quite close together, and they shared at least a passion for using certain features of the landscape almost as symbolic counters, acquiring a cloud of significances as they went from painting to painting. Nash was always the more intellectual, and his standing stones, taken from examples he had actually photographed, carry a weight of reference to Britain's past, mythic as well as historic. International Surrealism may have given his art new resonances and resources, but the spirit which hovers in the sky of "Vision at Evening" (1911) is still there in his last transfigured moonlit landscapes of the Forties.

On the other hand, Terry Frost is known primarily as an abstract painter, one of that group of romantic, free-form abstractionists who gathered round St Ives in the Fifties. He is the subject of two mini-retrospectives at the moment, of paintings in oils (Belgrave Gallery until November 3), and of works on paper (Austin/Desmond in Pied Bull Yard until October 28). Both shows indicate his figurative beginnings, and give pride of place to his abstracts of the Fifties.

Abstracts they are, but it is impossible not to connect them with Hitchens's and Nash's more abstracted work, and recognize, or suspect, a strong basis in landscape or figure composition. The great series of pictures from the Fifties, which have been read as containing a curtain or a waterfall, owe a lot of their power to the way their subject seems to hover on the borders of recognizability. And the semi-circles of the later works suggest buttocks or breasts.

For all his devotion to the abstract, Frost is a powerfully sensual artist, no less responsive to the physical world than Hitchens, and less inclined to sift his sensory impressions through a sieve of intelligence than Nash. It seems only right that his most recently achieved work is a set of illustrations to Lorca, the poet of pride and passion would surely have understood Frost just as well as Frost understands him.



"Spring Flowers and Blue Teapot" an oil circa 1934, by Ivon Hitchens

Exceptional performer let down by the hall

RECITAL
Paul Griffiths

Rolf Hind
St Andrew's Hall, Norwich

This year's French-leaning Norwich Festival has included some unusual programmes – Machaut's Lady Mass interleaved with Messiaen's for organ – but nothing quite so rare as a performance of the Barraqué Piano Sonata, which the brilliant and exploratory young pianist Rolf Hind had prepared specially for this occasion, and brought to a pitch of revelatory lucidity.

His account suggested something rather different from the heavyweight intellectual tragedy of the Roger Woodward tradition: the iron of the work was generally replaced by silver or mercury, and much of the first half went with exhilarating fleetness and grace, at speeds that surely can rarely have been equalled.

How much was happening beneath the elegance is not easy to say, since Hind had to deal not only with an unsympathetic church acoustic but also with the even more unsympathetic noises from outside (it seems crazy to create an event as special as this and then throw it away in a calamitous venue). But I think what we were almost hearing was a remarkable alternative view. The passages of worrying at fixed notes were beautifully managed, jagging the musical substance without any sentimental poignancy.

And when it came to the second part, where the speed slows and silences open to swallow the music, Hind's clarity and command were wonderfully fruitful. I have never heard a performance which showed quite so fully and keenly how the material here is often stolen from the more active first part. Nor have I heard one which made Barraqué seem so much a master of piano melody. Hind presented the complex phrases as wholes, and made the instrument sing even at its extremities, with a cold metallic chink or a Tibetan growl.

DONALD COOPER



Robert Tear: vocally outstanding

Dance of less than innocence

OPERA
Paul Griffiths

Death in Venice
Glyndebourne

One of Britten's central gifts as a dramatist was the ability to find a sharp new purpose in old forms: the chorus opera, the liturgical play, or right at the end of his life, the opera-ballet. Suddenly, with this one reinvention, the Thomas Mann novella became theatrically viable, and the masque-like form gained a function that can hardly have been dreamt of in Versailles.

A dancing Tadzio becomes an object of admiration and dazzlement for the audience as well as for the stage Aschenbach, so that we become not only observers of Aschenbach's confusion of aesthetic and erotic attraction but also, if to a gentler extent, sharers. Moreover, the apartness of the Polish family is made dramatically real in their apartness as dancers.

At Glyndebourne, though, the space is too small for anything very athletic, and so the movement in this production by Stephen Lawless and Martha Clarke has to be different in kind. There is some leaping and bounding in the beach-game divertissement, but for the most part the six swim-suited boys slither over the floor or through the scenery, and otherwise saunter about as if looking for trade. Not much innocence remains here to be drowned: the stage language is weighted towards Dionysiac indulgence rather than Apollonian achievement right from the start.

That of course makes Aschenbach's downfall less elevated and less complex. It must be said at once that Robert Tear's performance is vocally outstanding: he finds an extraordinary and extraordinarily apt range of colour, from the almost exaggerated, too striving lyricism of self-delusion to the *Sprechgesang* of bitter realization or the foppish touching in of falsetto tones like spots of rouge, and his diction is exact.

But there is little of the dignity of the great writer. This is an Aschenbach who at first sits with knees together, inhibited and susceptible, and the early phases of his infatuation with Tadzio as a Grecian ideal are all too transparent, as they have to be when there is no room for the boy to warrant aesthetic appreciation.

The small space is, however, very productively used in Tobias Hoheisel's set, which offers a variety of doors and boxes, a compact labyrinth. The basic colours of black and turquoise open out to glorious lighting (by Paul Pyant) in gold, ochre and pink for the beach scenes. The few props are emblematically vivid: a chandelier for the hotel, fluorescent yellow tubes for the gondola poles. Perhaps most striking of all is the scene of Aschenbach's dark dream: a single door, through which Dionysos and a laughing Tadzio draw him.

There is also, of course, value in confinement where the orchestral sound is concerned. Graeme Jenkins conducts the London Sinfonietta in a highly charged and telling performance, where the sinister barcarolle seductiveness is never far away, but where the different qualities of sensuous mist can be savoured and the strong, rampant ideas are not at all muted.

Another powerful plus is Alan Opie's performance as the baritone of many masks: these are marked by many voices, which find a common, disturbingly strong foundation when he sings openly as Dionysos.

Staging posts and clues along the trail of the Bankside Bard

Arts Correspondent Simon Tait offers a vade-mecum to the proliferation of Shakespearean discoveries in Southwark

There is a legend that whenever the first Hamlet, Richard Burbage, played the part on the Globe stage, Shakespeare himself played the Ghost. Many will be looking for the ghosts of Shakespeare, Burbage, William Kempe and the others in the next few days, as the public are allowed a brief glimpse at the little pile of chalk blocks, wooden stumps and bricks uncovered last week in Southwark: the first evidence of the exact location where this cradle of English theatre stood.

The discovery is also the most important piece in a jigsaw puzzle which is starting to be solved, the puzzle of what Sam Wanamaker has called "the Elizabethan Shaftesbury Avenue". Their "theatreland" was Maiden Lane (roughly the same as modern Park Street), which had three theatres in close proximity.

Further upriver was the Swan (where Hopton Street now crosses Upper Ground), but Shakespeare's haunts stood on the little patch by the river where Southwark Bridge now exists.

● **The Rose** was the oldest, built by Philip Henslowe and his son-in-law Ned Alleyn in 1587 on the corner of Maiden Lane and Rose Alley. Henslowe's records survive at Dulwich College, which Alleyn founded. The Rose was small, possibly "cowboy" built, and more popular than it could cope with; it was enlarged at least once, in 1592, and in 1595 Henslowe paid a carpenter £7 2s for "mackinge the throne in the heuenes". Young Shakespeare probably acted here, and *Titus Andronicus* was first performed on this stage; so probably was *Henry VI Part I*. But it was chiefly the theatre for Marlowe's plays, of which Alleyn, leader of the Lord Admiral's Men, was the first and greatest interpreter.

The discovery of the Rose earlier in the year was exciting for actors as well as scholars, because it gave the first inkling of how plays were performed in that golden age of Elizabethan theatre. The remarkable thing, as Ian McKellen has noted, was the sense of intimacy, which must have made stage acting then not unlike television acting now.

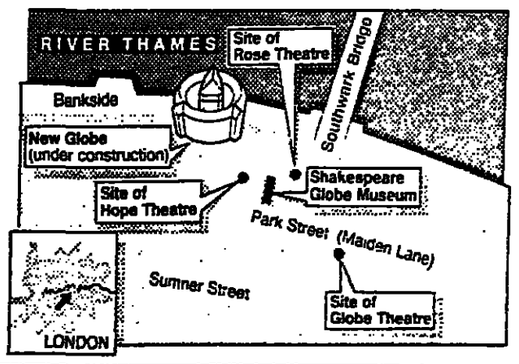
● **The Globe** was built in 1599, using the timbers from London's first playhouse, James Burbage's The Theatre, bundled across London Bridge when the Shoreditch lease ran out, and re-erected almost overnight, losing the minimum in box-office.

Shakespeare co-owned the theatre with Burbage's sons Richard and Cuthbert, the comic actor Kempe, and three other members of the Lord Chamberlain's Men. They all lived nearby, getting into trouble for drunkeness, ribaldry and non-payment of rates, in what must have been the most glorious hell-hole in the history of culture.

Shakespeare wrote *Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Othello, Measure for Measure, King Lear, Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, Pericles, Cymbeline* and *Winter's Tale* for the Globe, and unsurprisingly within five years Henslowe and Alleyn, sensing defeat, had called it a mismatch and moved north of the river into their new Fortune.

In 1613 the Globe burned down, but a new one rose on the foundations within a year and continued in business until Cromwell had it demolished in 1644.

● **The Hope** was about where Sam Wanamaker's Bear Gardens Museum is now. It was built in 1614 and designed to take in the new fad for bear baiting as well as theatre. Henslowe had a stake in it, but he died in 1616. Prince Charles's Company held the stage, and among the first plays to be performed there was Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*. The last survivor of Maiden Lane's trio, it was demolished in 1656.



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INFORMATION SERVICE

Round-up of world production

Booking for the 33rd London Film Festival, which presents the cream of world cinema, opens tomorrow. Geoff Brown makes his choice for this year from almost 200 programmes.

November 9

SAFETY LAST: This year's Thames Silent — the Harold Lloyd classic (1923) featuring his famous climb up the side of a department store (clock included). Brilliantly engineered comedy from a master artist, too often taken for granted. With live music composed and conducted by Carl Davis. Dominion, 7.45pm. Also Nov 10, Nov 11, Nov 12.

November 10

PARENTHOOD: Mostly impressive comedy-drama about the joys and sorrows of raising kids, with a large excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Jason Robards). Directed by Ron Howard. Empire, 8pm.

November 11

MAKING OF A LEGEND: GONE WITH THE WIND: Two-hour documentary on the blockbuster of all times, with interview footage and a fascinating round-up of screen tests. NFT2, 10.30am.

FELLOW TRAVELLER: Intriguing personal drama about the blacklist era, written by Michael Eaton, directed by Philip Saville, with Hart Bochner and Ron Silver as Hollywood radicals facing up to the McCarthy nightmare. NFT1, 1pm.

ICICLE THIEF: Imaginative Italian comedy, playing on the juxtaposition between films shown on television and their advertising breaks. Directed by — and starring — Maurizio Nichetti. NFT1, 3.30pm.

MALPRACTICE: Sobering fictionalized treatment of various medical malpractice cases, directed fly-on-wall-style by the Australian Bill Bennett. NFT2, 3.45pm. Also Nov 15.

THE WOMAN FROM ROSE HILL: Alain Tanner's engrossing new film, exploring the upsets caused by a black mail-order bride in a rural Swiss community. NFT1, 6.15pm.

TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR YOU!: Buoyant, ironic romantic diversion from the variable Bertrand Blier, with Gérard Depardieu as a married man toying between a beautiful wife and a plain Jane mistress. NFT1, 8.45pm.

November 12

DRUGSTORE COWBOY: Provocative morality play about an unrepentant junkie (Matt Dillon) who finally faces up to his life-style. Directed by Gus Van Sant with a strong feel for the underside of US society. NFT1, 11am.

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY: Engaging romantic comedy, riding high in the US box-office charts, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Directed by Rob Reiner. Warner West End, 11am.

MAICOL: Impressive small-scale Italian film focusing on the relationship between a distracted unmarried mother and her small lonely son. Directed by Mario Brenta. NFT2, 2pm. Also Nov 22.

A DRY WHITE SEASON: Powerful apartheid drama, with Donald Sutherland as a mild schoolteacher whose conscience is finally stirred. Directed by Euzhan Palcy; with a cameo from Marlon Brando. Empire, 2.30pm.

ZERO CITY: Karen Shakhnazarov's uneven absurdist comedy about a visiting Soviet bureaucrat unable to escape from a provincial town. The opening stretch, at least, is splendid. NFT2, 3.45pm. Also Nov 13.

THE WOMEN ON THE ROOF: Sumptuously mounted period drama about love and jealousy in a Stockholm attic studio, directed by cameraman Sven Nykvist's brother Carl-Gustaf Nykvist. NFT1, 6.15pm.

EAT A BOWL OF TEA: Gently amusing portrait of the Chinese-American social scene in the post-war period from Wayne Wang, director of *Dim Sum*. NFT1, 8.45pm.

November 13

THE BIRTH: Award-winning, haunting Indian film about the agony of an aged father waiting in vain for his arrested student son to return home. A first feature by cameraman Shaji. NFT1, 4pm, 8.45pm.

GOD'S WILL: Cheeky American low-budget trifle about a divorced couple, recently dead, who return to straighten out the fate of their only daughter. Directed by scriptwriter Julia Cameron. NFT2, 4.15pm, 8.30pm.

FOUNTAIN: Biting, enjoyable Soviet comedy, savagely attacking living conditions in a large block of flats. Directed by Yuri Mamin. ICA, 5pm, 9pm.

November 14

DIAMOND SKULLS: Gutsy drama set among the aristocratic fast set, with Gabriel Byrne as a jealous businessman involved in a fatal car accident after a drunken night out. Promising fiction début from documentary director Nicholas Broomfield. NFT1, 2pm, 6.30pm.

YOUNG COUPLES: Quietly humorous slice-of-life drama from China, interweaving six vignettes of young married life in a Beijing high-rise. NFT2, 1.30pm. Also Nov 23.

PLAFF!: High-pitched satirical lunacy from Cuba, with Daisy Granados as a woman mysteriously assailed by hurled eggs while trying to ruin her son's marriage. Directed by Juan Carlos Tabio. ICA, 5pm, 7pm

November 15

CINEMA PARADISO: Warm-hearted, nostalgic salute to the movies from Italian writer-director Giuseppe Tornatore, following the fortunes of a movie-mad Sicilian from childhood to white hair. NFT1, 3.45pm, 8.50pm.

ROUTE ONE, USA: Independent film-maker Robert Kramer's absorbing four-hour trek along America's eastern coast, from Maine to Florida. ICA, 7pm.

FIELD OF DREAMS: Whimsical fable featuring two of Hollywood's current crazes — Kevin Costner and baseball. Costner plays a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his cornfield for a baseball pitch. Directed by Phil Alden Robinson. Warner, West End, 8.45pm.

November 16

AMERICAN STORIES: Jewish anecdotes, tragic and comic, gathered by idiosyncratic Belgian film-maker Chantal Akerman, retold by a fine collection of New York Jewish actors. NFT1, 1.30pm, 6.15pm.



Will a film festival ever proudly announce that it is now "smaller than ever"? At the present rate, it seems unlikely: the 33rd London Film Festival (November 9-26), for which priority booking opens tomorrow, offers some 188 scheduled programmes. (The first festival got by with 15.) What to plump for in this annual round-up of world production? Those wanting the cream of Hollywood will find Donald Sutherland and Marlon Brando (above) grappling with apartheid in *A Dry White Season*, Rob Reiner's comedy hit *When Harry Met Sally*, and others. Those wedded to the *auteur* masters can watch Satyajit Ray buckling down to Ibsen (*An Enemy of the People*), and Alain Resnais endeavouring to be farcical (*I Want to Go Home*). Fanciers of American independent cinema should be particularly satisfied, despite the odd clinker like *Riding the Rails*. The exotica from Africa, Asia and Latin America should never be dismissed out of hand: the visual strength of *A City of Sadness* or *Why Did Bodhi-Daharma Leave for the Orient?* leaves most Western films panting at the starting gate. The children's section opens early next Monday to catch half-term audiences; six of the films will then travel round the regions from Cardiff to Glasgow. *Geoff Brown*

MONSIEUR HIRE'S ENGAGEMENT: Simenon novel about a bachelor's dark obsession with his neighbour, powerfully filmed by director Patrice Leconte, with intense performances (Michael Blanc, Sandrine Bonnaire). NFT1, 4pm. Also Nov 17.

MY TWENTIETH CENTURY: Lively canter through the century, seen through the eyes of twin girls (one a courtesan, one an anarchist). A first feature by director Ildiko Enyedi. NFT2, 1.45pm, 6.30pm.

SANTA SANGRE: Cinema's wild man Alejandro Jodorowsky returns to the director's chair after a 10 year gap with a blood-soaked fantasy set in a travelling circus. Extraordinary, surreal, and disturbing. NFT1, 8.45pm.

November 17

MYSTERY TRAIN: Typically laid-back episodic film from cult director Jim Jarmusch, set in a rundown Memphis hotel where the ghost of Elvis Presley looms large. NFT1, 2pm. Also Nov 19.

ROSALIE GOES SHOPPING: Broad satire from director Percy Adlon and his ample leading lady Marianne Sägebrecht, cast as an Arkansas housewife who beats the system with its own weapons — consumer goods. NFT1, 4.30pm, 8.30pm.

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE: Gillies Mackinnon's imaginative Scottish version of Manfred Karge's play about five unemployed men who find new hope by staging a fantasy recreation of Amundsen's South Pole expedition. NFT2, 4.15pm, 8.45pm.

EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY: A spaceship eager for female delights crashes in LA: cue for a wild musical comedy from *Absolute Beginners* director Julien Temple. With Geena Davis, Jeff Goldblum. Warner West End, 11.30pm.

November 18

THE SERVANT: Striking Soviet disquisition on the relation between master and servant from director Vadim Abdrashitov, a past master at probing into Soviet society's darker corners. NFT2, 10.45am.

THE END OF OLD TIMES: Featherweight but disarming Czech comedy about class, sex and capitalism at the end of the First World War, from director Jiri Menzel. NFT1, 1.45pm.

THE SEVENTH CONTINENT: Stark domestic drama about a family driven to suicide, from Austrian writer-director Michael Haneke. As the festival booklet says, "perhaps not suitable for those in a low mood". NFT2, 6.15pm.

JESUS OF MONTREAL: An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. More elegant satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of *The Decline of the American Empire*. NFT1, 8.45pm.

November 19

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN: Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, filmed with raw power by the director of *Christiane F.*, Uli Edel. With Stephen Lang, Jennifer Jason Leigh. Warner West End, 11am.

AUSTRALIA: Subtle Belgian feature about expatriation and homecoming by the highly regarded Jean-Jacques Andrien, with Jeremy Irons as a Belgian-born war veteran and Fanny Ardant as the arouser of dormant passions. Curzon West End, 11am.

SOPHISTICATED LADY: Dazzling octogenarian singer Adelaide Hall in concert, filmed by David Mingay and David Robinson, with interview material and archive footage. NFT1, 4pm.

ERRORS OF YOUTH: Notably bleak Soviet film from 1979, originally shelved for its portrait of aimless youth. Directed by Boris Frumin. NFT2, 4pm. Also Nov 23.

VENUS PETER: Ian Sellar's evocative drama, filmed in the Orkneys, about a young boy's passion for the sea. Engaging, natural playing by young Gordon R. Strachan; salty character acting from the late Ray McAnally. NFT1, 8.50pm.

November 20

MONTALVO AND THE CHILD: Forceful stylized drama about innocence and passion, based on a dance work by Jean-Claude Gallota. Directed by Claude Mouriéras. NFT2, 4.30pm, 8.45pm.

CAT CHASER: High-octane version of an Elmore Leonard thriller, with Peter Weller as a Florida hotelier sucked into a plot to rob a gangster of hidden money. With Kelly McGillis; director, Abel Ferrara. Prince Charles, 8.45pm.

November 21

CELIA: Sturdy first feature by Australian writer-director Ann Turner: a portrait of an imaginative child growing up which avoids all the clichés and provides subtle analysis of the stifling 1950s. Frighteningly convincing central performance from young Rebecca Smart. NFT1, 4pm, 8.45pm.

FOUR DAYS OF SNOW AND BLOOD: Impressive wide-screen historical spectacle from Japan, about an attempted coup by junior army officers in 1936; directed by Hideo Gosha. NFT2. 4pm, 8.50pm.

SIGN OF THE CROSS: Cecil B. DeMille's astonishing romp through the times of Nero, filmed in 1932, presented in its original form (without the censor's later cuts). With Charles Laughton as Nero, Claudette Colbert as Poppaea, up to her nipples in asses' milk. MOMI, 8.30pm.

CASUALTIES OF WAR: American atrocities in Vietnam, viewed with more thought than usual by director Brian de Palma; Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn are among the soldiers. Odeon West End, 9pm.

November 22

MASQUERADE: Visually spellbinding feature from India's G. Aravindan, exploring the relationship between an actor and his role within the framework of a traditional, stylized Indian play. NFT2, 12.45pm, 6.15pm.

WHY DID BODHI-DHARMA GO TO THE ORIENT?: Extraordinarily beautiful South Korean epic that needs, and rewards, the audience's patience, exploring life in a remote Buddhist colony. Written, edited, photographed and directed by Yong-Kyun Bae. ICA, 8pm.

November 23

AUTUMN MILK: Solidly crafted Austrian drama based on the memoirs of a teenage farm girl during the Nazi era, directed and photographed by Joseph Vilsmaier. NFT2, 4.15pm, 8.50pm.

A CITY OF SADNESS: Hou Hsiao-hsien's complex, magisterial fresco of life in Taiwan during the post-war turmoil: the top prizewinner at this year's Venice Film Festival. NFT1, 8.15pm.

November 24

LENINGRAD COWBOYS GO TO AMERICA: Taut, ironic black comedy from a fast-rising talent, Finnish director Aki Kaurismaki, tracing a music band's wayward progress through America. NFT1, 4.30pm, 8.50pm.

November 25

ROMUALD AND JULIETTE: Frisky social comedy from Coline Serreau, French writer-director of *Three Men and a Cradle*, with Daniel Auteuil as the business executive who falls for a West Indian cleaning lady. Curzon West End, 11am.

ISLAND: Strong, intimate drama from Australia's most individual film-maker, Paul Cox, about three women on a Greek island variously facing personal crises. Eloquent performances from Irene Papas and Chris Haywood. Screen on the Green, 11am.

THE THIEF OF BAGDAD: Lustrous new print of Korda's 1940 Arabian Nights extravaganza, restored by the National Film Archive. NFT1, 4.30pm.

November 26

THE GANG OF FOUR: Director Jacques Rivette returns to that hardy perennial, the interplay between life and art; a talkative film about four theatre students banding together to combat a mysterious intruder. NFT1, 10.30am.

I WANT TO GO HOME: The year's most unlikely film — a romantic farce directed by beetle-browed Alain Resnais, written by Jules Feiffer, about an American cartoonist (silver-haired, toothy Adolph Green) at large in France. Lumiere, 11am.

BLACK RAINBOW: Unusual supernatural thriller from writer-director Mike Hodges, shot in North Carolina, with Rosanna Arquette and Jason Robards as a clairvoyant team led into a web of conspiracy and corruption. Screen on the Green, 11am.

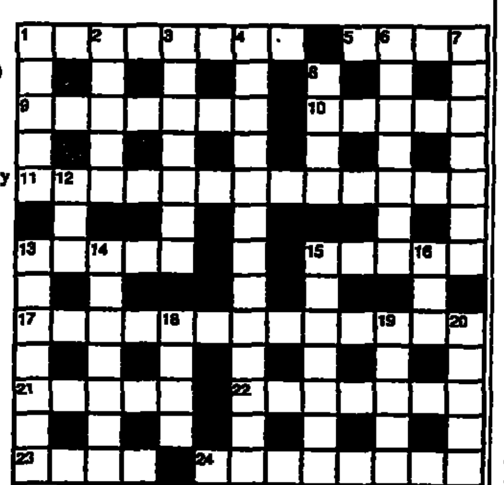
A SHORT FILM ABOUT LOVE: Another of Krzysztof Kieslowski's powerful, cryptic dramas spun round the Ten Commandments; an eerie tale of voyeurism and sexual failure. NFT1 4pm.

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE: Satyajit Ray's static, updated treatment of Ibsen's play, with Soumitra Chatterjee as a crusading doctor facing the brick wall of religious fanaticism. NFT1, 6pm.

WHAT TIME IS IT? A frayed father and perky son on military service meet and exchange views. Bright, touching film from director Ettore Scola; Marcello Mastroianni and Massimo Troisi shared the Venice Film Festival's Best Actor prize. NFT1, 8.30pm.

Priority booking for British Film Institute members opens tomorrow; public booking opens on November 4. Booking for all venues through the National Film Theatre box-office (01-928 3232), except London Film Makers Co-op (01-586 8516) and the Dominion (01-580 9562).

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2001



ACROSS
1 Crab, lobster shell (8)
5 Clothed (4)
9 Entangle (7)
10 Bracing air (5)
11 Impressing favourably (13)
13 Light brown (5)
15 Bet (5)
17 Four-sided (13)
21 Survive (6)
22 Breathed in (7)
23 Gateshead river (4)
24 Set of symptoms (8)

DOWN
1 Fawning type (5)
2 White oak (5)
3 Stimulate (7)
4 Bunyan pilgrim destination (9,4)
6 Pillaging (7)
7 Riverbed cleaner (7)
8 1915 Lens area battle (4)
12 Whiskey grain (3)
13 Will property gift (7)
14 Sweet vermouth (7)
15 Observed (7)
16 Epoch (3)
18 Habitual process (4)
19 Norse Normandy fief holder (5)
20 Gatehouse (5)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

HYPAETHRAL
(c) Open to the sky, having no roof, from the Greek *hupaithros* under the sky: "The internal colonnade to the hypaethral temple is a peristyle

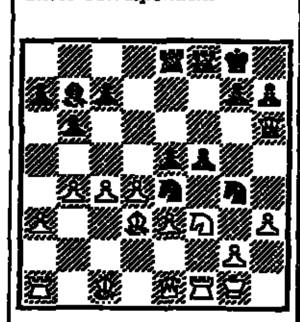
PINGER
(a) First applied to the ringing timer device of cookers in 1968, contemporaneously with the introduction of the microwave oven; the metaphorical transfer to the oven itself is a new development.

TACONITE
(b) A sedimentary rock containing enough iron to make it a low-grade iron ore, from the Taconic Mountains in New England and New York State: Taconite is the source of most US iron production."

NELLY
(c) A large sea-bird, *Ossifraga gigantea*, belonging to the petrel group, of uncertain origin, perhaps from the familiar form of Helen or Eleanor: "Arctic raven and fox are ten thousand times worse than nelly or albatross."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from the second game between Karpov (White) against Yusupov (Black), Pilkington Glass World Semi-Final, played in Sadler's Wells Theatre, earlier this month. Black played 1...Nef2. How does he win if White captures the Knight? The answer will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

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ALDWYCH 836 6404/0641 CC 379 6233. PREVIEWING NOW Evenings 7.30 Sats 4.0 & 8.0 OPENS OCTOBER 24 7.0 JUDI DENCH RONALD PICKUP BERNARD HILL THE CHERRY ORCHARD By ANTON CHEKHOV Trans MICHAEL FRAYN

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/379 4444. Group Sales 930 6123. Air Cond. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES SOME SEATS STILL AVAIL

APOLLO 01-437 2663 cc 01-379 4444/741 9999 (with bkg fee) 01-240 7200 Grps 01-930 6123 PETER O'TOOLE 'JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL' by Keith Waterhouse Opens Wed 7pm. Mon-Fri 8.30 Sat 5.30 & 8.45

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 SIXTH HIT YEAR STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues Mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '90

ARTS 836 2132 cc 379 4444 A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT "Thoroughly entertaining" T Out "London's brightest and best doll musical" D Mail. From £7.50 Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.45

BARBICAN THEATRE (Air Cond) 01-638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 9am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE MASTER BUILDER Ton't, Tomor 7.30. Tkts avail. Also bkg final perfs of THE TEMPEST & THE PLANTAGENETS. Season ends 4 Nov! THE PIT Ton't, Tomor 7.30 THE LOVE OF THE NIGHTINGALE TKTS AVAIL.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St. WC2 01-379 5299 CC 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) 240 7200/741 9999 (Bkg Fees) Groups 240 7941 RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET Shakespeare's Forgotten Rock-and-Roll Masterpiece "DELIRIOUSLY ADDICTIVE" Daily Telegraph. Mon-Fri 8 Thurs Mat 3 Sat 5.00 & 8.30

COMEDY 930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438/741 9999 or 24hr cc with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200 'JULIE WALTERS IS VERY FUNNY' Independent JULIE WALTERS BRIAN COX in Terrence McNally's comedy FRANKIE & JOHNNY Directed by Paul Benedict "FUNNY, TENDER AND VERY WARM. A MASTERCLASS" Sunday Mirror Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45 Group sales 930 6123

DOMINION 01-580 9562 Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (24 hrs) Group Sales Box Office 01-930 6123 CCTB 01-741 9999 MICHAEL BARRYMORE in ALADDIN with FRANK BRUNO All Star Show. Opens Dec 18th for 6 weeks

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc (no bkg fee) 836 8108 cc 24hr 7 days (bkg fee) 379 4444 240 7200 Grps 831 2771 MISS SAIGON Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Good balcony & some rear stalls seats available most perfs. Weds Mat - most prices still available.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 836 5125 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Olivier Awards 1988 HANNAH GORDON in WILLY RUSSELL'S "GEM" SHIRLEY VALENTINE Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5 "The audience roars approval. Shirley's spell is unbreakable" D. Mail "The funniest & the most heartwarming play for years" D M

FORTUNE Box Office & cc 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 240 7200 MARK KINGSTON DOMINIC LETTS Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt "A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Gdn "CHILLING" Ind "GRIPPING" FT "FIRST RATE" Ind OVER 260 PERFORMANCES! Eves 8 Mats Tues 3 Sat 4 NOW BOOKING TO JAN '90

Fortune Covent Garden, WC2. IDEAL FOR 3-8 YR. OLDS The Pied Piper Company in FATHER CHRISTMAS AND THE LOST TOYS Matinees from Dec. 21st. £4-£8.50 Book or ask for leaflet 01 836 2238

GARRICK 379 6107 & cc (bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 Eves 8. Tue mat 3. Sat 5 & 8.15 SIAN PHILLIPS STEPHEN MOORE SHEILA STEAFEL LESLIE ASH in PARIS MATCH "A TRIUMPH ... A ROLLICKING FARCE" Sunday Mirror "Deliriously funny" Times

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999/379 4444. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123. Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3pm CAROLE SHELLEY HELEN RYAN MORAY WATSON in LETTICE AND LOVAGE By PETER SHAFFER Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY '88 E.Std Award

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 930 9832 cc (with bkg fee) 1st Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200 /Open All Hours 379 4444 JACK LEMMON MICHAEL GAMBON "Excellent" Int. Herald Tribune "Impressive" Times "COMPLIMENT ONE ANOTHER SUPERBLY" Obs. VETERANS DAY by Donald Freed "Sharp & Funny" Int. Herald Tribune. Directed by Kevin Billington Evgs 8.0 Mats Thurs 3.0 Sat 5.0 FINAL WEEK

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832 CC 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fees) DENHOLM ELLIOTT in DAVID MAMET'S DAZZLING COMEDY A LIFE IN THE THEATRE Directed by Bill Bryden Reduced Price Previews from Oct 24 Opens Oct 31 LIMITED SEASON 7 WEEKS ONLY

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA MARTIN SMITH JILL WASHINGTON ROBERT MEADMORE Iren Bartok plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now booking April to Sept 1990 By post only to the Box Office

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Fully Air Conditioned FIRST CALL 24 hours incl. Sundays 01-240 7200 Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 2.45 YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE TOMMY STEELE in SINGIN' IN THE RAIN EXTENDED TO NOV 11 Family Prices: Evgs. £8.50 to £18.50 Wed Mats: £5.75 to £8.25 Sat Mats: All Seats £5 & £10 Theatre Fully Air-Conditioned

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686 cc 379 4444 (24 hrs) 741 9999 no bkg fees Groups 930 6123 "World Stopping Entertainer" ANTHONY NEWLEY STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET OFF WITH RHONDA BURCHMORE Previewing Now Opens 19 October 7pm Mon-Sat 8 Mats Thu & Sat 3

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 cc bkg fee 01 836 3464 Previews tpm £7.60, 7.45pm Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 4.0pm Horvath's FAITH HOPE & CHARITY Translated by Christopher Hampton. Studio: 01 741 8701 8.00pm MARRA-KECH - a new comedy by Graham Swannell.

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 379 4444/741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 ALAN DOBIE TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE Eves 7.30 Mats Wed 2.00 Sat at 3.00pm Opening here Dec 5 FRANK WINDSOR in TREASURE ISLAND

NATIONAL THEATRE 01-928 2252 Grps 01-620 0741 24hr cc bkg fee: 240 7200 OLIVIER Ton't 7.15 GHETTO Sobol. Tomor 7.30 HAMLET. Today 2.00 THE MAGIC CARPET Stories for Young Children. LYTTELTON Ton't, Tomor 7.45 THE MISANTHROPE Molière.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS SEATS NOW AVAILABLE FOR EVE PERFS DEC & TUE MATS NOV ONWARDS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BKG TO 28th APRIL 1990

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Mon-Fri 7.30, Wed mat 2.30, Sat 4.00 & 7.45 A FLEA IN HER EAR By Georges Feydeau Translated by John Mortimer 'ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT' Financial Times 'UTTERLY, SUPREMELY BRILLIANT' Time Out LAST 5 WEEKS!

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 Groups 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '90

PHOENIX THEATRE 01-836 2294 cc 240 9661/741 9999. Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 5.15 & 8.30 For 2 Weeks Only! "BRILLIANT" Gdn JOHN SESSIONS' NAPOLEON The American Story Dir. by KENNETH BRANAGH. "Leaves one breathless with admiration" D.Tel "SHOULDN'T BE MISSED" S.Tel

PHOENIX THEATRE WC2 01-836 2294/240 9661 or cc with bkg fee 01-379 4444/741 9999/240 7200 Group sales 01-930 6123 THE BAKER'S WIFE by Joseph Stein & Stephen Schwartz directed by TREVOR NUNN Previews from 17 Nov Opens 27 Nov 7 pm. Eves 7.30. Thur and Sat Mat 2.30 (no Mat 23 Nov)

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444. 741 9999 (bkg fee) DOROTHY TUTIN PETER McENERY SUSAN HAMPSHIRE ERIC FLYNN & LILA KEDROVA in STEPHEN SONDHEIM'S "DREAM OF A MUSICAL" M.o.S A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC "Ian Judge's Chichester revival, a great success." "A Superb Evening" FT "Spectacular!" Times "Brilliant" S.Times. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00

PLAYHOUSE 01-839 4401 cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) From 12 Dec in repertoire for a Christmas season WINNIE-THE-POOH by A A Milne and ENID BLYTON'S NODDY.

PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 839 4401 (no bkg fee) cc 836 3464 (24 hrs) 741 9999/379 4444 (bkg fee) LEO McKERN as BOSWELL FOR THE DEFENCE "SOMETHING SPECIAL, JOYOUSLY COMIC; IT WOULD BE A CRIME TO MISS IT" D.Mail. Eves at 8pm Sat Mat at 3pm. 6 WEEKS ONLY

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3428 (bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 ELAINE PAIGE BERNARD CRIBBINS & JOHN BARROWMAN in ANYTHING GOES "THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN" Daily Express "I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT" Daily Mail Choreographed by MICHAEL SMUIN Directed by JERRY ZAKS Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 CAST ALBUM AVAILABLE ON FIRST NIGHT RECORDS NOW

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) "TOPPING ANYTHING ON BROADWAY" Time Mag ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns. Strictly no admittance for latecomers NOW BOOKING APR - SEPT '90

QUEEN'S Box Office and cc 734 1166/0261 cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 NIGEL HAWTHORNE JANE LAPOTAIRE SHADOWLANDS THE TRUE LOVE-STORY OF C.S. LEWIS PREVS FROM OCT 18 OPENS OCT 25

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA 1958 - 1989. Now celebrating 32 SENSATIONAL YEARS at the world's centre of erotic entertainment.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 748 3354 cc. 563 0331. Arnold Wesker's SHYLOCK Opens Tonight 7.00pm

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. From 23 Oct 1000 AIRPLANES ON THE ROOF by Philip Glass. David Henry Hwang. Jerome Sirlin. Eves 7.30pm.

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC No fees 01-836 3464 (24hr 7-day) 01-379 6219 Grs 01-831 2771. 01-240 7941 01-836 8889 Preview 7 Dec Opens 8 Dec PAUL DANIELS IT'S MAGIC Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 (13 Dec 8.15. 26 Dec - Jan 6 incl. Twice daily 2.30 & 7.30) Child reductions avail. at most perfs. Limited Season Must End Feb 3

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219 Groups 01-836 8889 1st Call 24hr 7-day CC 01-836 3464 (No bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg fee) D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY "have scored a triumph" D Mail with THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE Until Oct 18 & October 26-Nov 1. 9-18 23-29 in repertoire with 'John Wells' brilliant production' Mail on Sunday THE MIKADO "Excellent" Standard. Oct 19-25. Nov 2-8, 16-22, 30 Dec 2 "It's superb theatre" Mail on Sunday Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds. Sat 2.30

SHAFTESBURY Box Office & cc 379 5399 CC (bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Eves 8 Fri & Sat 5 & 8.15 "THE POWER PLAY OF THE YEAR" Std PETER EGAN in M. BUTTERFLY by David Henry Hwang Directed by John Dexter "QUITE BRILLIANT" SMir NOW BOOKING TO APR 1990

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office and cc (0789) 295623 Royal Shakespeare Company. Royal Shakespeare Theatre. As You Like It 2 "night of full-blown, joyous entertainment" F.T. Tonight, Wed, Thurs, Sat 7.30, Mat Thurs 1.30. Also booking: All's Well That Ends Well. Coriolanus opens 30 Nov. Swan Theatre: Pericles "David Thacker's splendid production" Independent. Tonight, Wed, Thur, Sat 7.30, Mat Thur 1.30. Also booking: Singer Peter Flannery. Meal/Ticket/ Hotel package (0789) 414999.

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 37TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 240 3861 or 240 3912 cc 24 hr 7 day 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 PAUL SCOFIELD ALEC McCOWEN and EILEEN ATKINS EXCLUSIVE by JEFFREY ARCHER Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN Eves 7.30 Thu Mat 3 Sat 4.30 & 8 NOW BOOKING TO FEB '90

VAUDEVILLE CC 836 9987/5645 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg fee) Evenings 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE:JOYCE! with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan MUST END NOVEMBER 25

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 CC 01-379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 The man. The Music. The Legend. BUDDY The Buddy Holly Story A NEW MUSICAL Mon-Thurs 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAYS 5.30 PERF

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 cc 379 4444 (no bkg fee)) Two Narnian plays From 5 Dec THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW From 16 Jan THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE (Sunday Perfs).

WESTMINSTER SW1 01 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 /379 4444 /741 9999 (no bkg fee)/240 7200 (bkg fee) "EXCELLENT ABSORBING" Tel OVER 150 PERFS of Oscar Wilde's sparkling comedy of intrigue AN IDEAL HUSBAND "ELEGANT & SINISTER" S.Tel Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Wed 2pm. Sat 3pm. MONDAY PERFS: 2 TKTS FOR THE PRICE OF 1!

WHITEHALL S 867 1119 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8 Thu mat 2.30 Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company Roy Hudd Geoffrey Davies Alfred Marks Linda Hayden Anita Graham Brian Godfrey Stirling Rodger David Griffin RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2,700 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S.Exp

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01-867 1116 cc 01-867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01-867 1113. ALBERT FINNEY 'devastating inner power' D Mail JANET SUZMAN 'quite magnificent' Ind SARA KESTELMAN 'brilliant' FT DAVID de KEYSER 'graceful' Std CHRISTIEN ANHOLT 'excellent' D Tel in ANOTHER TIME "absorbing, amusing and serious" Daily Telegraph "easily Ronald Harwood's best work since 'The Dresser'" FT "Elijah Moshinsky's impeccable direction" S Tms Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 & Sat 4

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY OTHELLO Eves 7.30 Until 11 Nov. SOLD OUT. Rtns only.

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THE TRYON & MOORLAND GALLERY. 23/24 Cork St. W1 Tel: 734 6961/2256. EXHIBITION. THE RACE HORSE IN 20th CENTURY ART. 4-20th October. 9.30-6 Mon-Fri.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 QUEEN OF HEARTS (PG) Progs 1.50 4.05 6.25 8.50. ENDS THURS 19 OCT. STARTS FRI Axel Engel's MELANCHOLIA (15) starring JEROEN KRABBE & SUSANNAH YORK.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING (15) Progs. 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.05.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (bkg. fee) KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.30 5.45 8.30 All seats bookable in advance for 5.45 & 8.30 perfs daily & all perfs Sun.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 DANIEL DAY LEWIS RAY McANALLY in MY LEFT FOOT (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.25 & 8.45.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (bkg. fee) KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.30 6.00 8.45 All seats bookable in advance for 6.00 & 8.45 perfs daily & all perfs Sun.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 HELEN MIRREN & MICHAEL GAMBON in THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18) directed by Peter Greenaway Progs 1.10 3.35 6.05 8.40. Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA.

MINEMA 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225 THELONIOUS MONK STRAIGHT NO CHASER (PG) Daily 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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Dazzling arts in Tokyo

TELEVISION CHOICE

Kenneth Gosling

● Japan's industrial might has tended to overshadow its thriving cultural life. But, if tonight's documentary, **Japan Live Performance** (Channel 4, 11.00pm) is anything to go by, the performing arts are still dazzlingly alive in its capital city. The programme, part of Channel 4's Japanese mini-season, was filmed entirely on location and contrasts the old and new, using what is claimed to be material never before seen in the Western world. And since it features nine theatre and performance groups, it may seem to be doing it all rather breathlessly at times. Not every Japanese who



Evoking primitive man: white-painted, naked, shaven-headed (Ch4, 11.00pm)

expresses a view is bowled over by the aggressive nature of some of the street theatre. "Not interested," says a businessman in the financial district, later to be seen helping to haul an enormous portable temple through the streets. The Japanese achieve a greater level of public participation than in the West and still regard the preservation of tradition as the spine of their culture. Some of the most impressive effects are achieved balletically, especially by a group of white-painted, naked, shaven-headed men who perform a remarkable evocation of primitive man against a bizarre backdrop of an ancient stone quarry. By contrast, a couple dance among the rooftops of Tokyo, the man attacking the woman with an electric grinder, turning her into a human Catherine wheel. Formal theatre is represented by the Suzuki Company's adaptation of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*, with a towering performance in this extract by leading lady Kayoko Shiraishi, who is probably Japan's greatest actress. Ravishing pictures of Tokyo's skyline ornament a comprehensive view of the arts that flourish indoors and out in this most highly industrialized country.

● Daytime viewers who have just bade farewell to *Countdown* will welcome back for a fourth series that most demanding of television quiz shows, **Fifteen-to-One** (Channel 4, 4.30pm). This has not only the most comprehensive selection of contestants, ranging from young to old, from the smart to the stupid, but a healthy no-nonsense approach from its presenter-producer William G. Stewart. No weekend breaks or fridge freezers as prizes, either, just a chance to get on the highflyer's board and through to the last 15. You need to be pretty good; they get through 75 contestants a week and this series takes the total number of masochists to over 4,800.

BBC 1

6.05 The Flintstones in *The Hero* (r)
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes; and regular business news, sports reports, weather, regional news and travel, and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** A new series begins with reporter Roy Sheppard with fitness expert Lizzie Webb and dancers from the musical *42nd Street*
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on Acid House parties. First of a new series
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Flintstones Comedy Show** **10.25 Children's BBC** introduced by Simon Parkin begins with **Playbus** **10.50 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Garard Green with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air** presented by Eamonn Holmes, Gloria Hunniford and Jayne Irving. Today's edition of the magazine series includes Gary Glitter and dress designers the Emmanuels. Plus Joan Bakewell on the controversial topic of gay marriages; and *News of the World* television critic Charles Catchpole defending his slating of the LWT programme *Beadle's About* against viewers who enjoy watching members of the public being made to look fools
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Sue Cook and Andy Craig. Today, Falklands hero Simon Weston fulfils his ambition to become a professional motor racing driver; and Michael Ball sings songs from the musical *Aspects of Love* **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Des is stunned by an observation from Bronwyn, Jamie's babysitter. (Ceefax) **1.50 Four Square.** General knowledge quiz
2.15 Ironside. The Chief is called in *when the police refuse to accept a murder confession.* (r) **3.05 Hudson and Halls.** The camp Kiwi cooks prepare dishes involving New Zealand lamb. Their guest is actress Peggy Mount **3.30 She's the Sheriff.** American comedy series
3.50 Barney (r) **4.00 A Bear Behind.** A new series of rhymes and verses for children **4.05 Ewoks** (r) **4.20 The Quack Chat Show 4.35 BraveStarr.** Animated science fiction adventures
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter includes a report on farming in Zimbabwe: and details of a new competition. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan with Joanna Lumley. The guests include Denis Healey and American chat show hostess, Oprah Winfrey
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs
8.00 Telly Addicts. The Rhodes family from Stockport and the Curtis's from Essex in a test of television programme knowledge
8.30 Birds of a Feather. The first of a new comedy series starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson as sisters with contrasting lifestyles who are drawn together when their respective husbands are put away for 12 years for a series of armed robberies. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: BR – the Ultimate Sell-Off. An investigation into the controversial and complex way the national rail network is to be privatized. Fred Emery talks to Sir Robert Reid, Cecil Parkinson, John Prescott and Jimmy Knapp
10.10 Film: Stayground (1983) starring Peter Coyote, Mel Smith and Billie Whitelaw. Thriller about a professional criminal who accidentally kills a young girl in a robbery that goes wrong. The girl's father seeks revenge and hires a vicious killer to track down the men responsible for his daughter's death. Directed by Terry Bedford. (Ceefax)
11.40 Women of the Year. Angela Rippon introduces highlights from the Women of the Year lunch at the Savoy Hotel, London. The guest of honour is Princess Margaret
12.10am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and **The Morning Programme** presented by Geoff Clark. **6.30 News; 7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly; **7.30 News; 8.00 News; 8.30 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** which includes Denise Robertson discussing second marriages
9.25 Runway. Travel quiz game **9.55 Thames news** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on why some people have a need to carry on extra-marital affairs. Among the guests are agony aunt Angela Willans and Annette Lawson, a sociologist
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on astrology, gardening, fashion, baby care and painless divorcing. Plus national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Playbox (r) **12.30 Home and Away.** Alf returns from Tahiti and demands an explanation from Roo about the child
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20 Thames news** and weather **1.30 Gardening Time.** Ivy
1.40 Film: Merrill's Marauders (1962) starring Jeff Chandler and Ty Hardin. *Second World War drama about a* weary United States Army unit fighting in Burma, who are ordered to advance 500 miles to join up with the British. Directed by Samuel Fuller
3.25 Thames news and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors**
4.00 The Talebugs (r) **4.05 The Pondles** (r) **4.20 The Real Ghostbusters.** Animated adventures **4.45 Streetwise.** Serial about a firm of London cycle messengers
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.55 Thames news** and weather
6.30 Thames Reports. An investigation *into why, after 18 months, victims of* the Broadcasting House's Legionnaire's disease outbreak are *still fighting through the courts for* compensation
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Group B's heat three of the brain and brawn competition. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Why has Mike Baldwin returned after his factory has been demolished? (Oracle)
8.00 Home James! Comedy series starring Jim Davidson
8.30 World in Action. Primo and the Princess. An investigation into the murkier side of sport
9.00 Boon: The Relief of Matty King. Ken Boon is carrying out an investigation in a casino and falls for a glamorous croupier. Meanwhile Harry is having worries about one of his guests at the country hotel – an over-the-hill comedian. Starring Michael Elphick, David Daker and Brigitte Forsyth, with guest artists Tim Healy, Murray Head and Pippa Guard
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. Weather **10.30 Thames news** and weather
10.35 Parky. A lighthearted review of the week's news presented by Michael Parkinson. With Frances Edmonds, Dillie Keane and Willie Rushton
11.35 Posh Frocks & New Trousers. Fashion magazine series (r)
12.05am I Spy. Vintage American comedy espionage series starring Robert Culp and Bill Cosby
1.00 World Chess Championship. Raymond Keene analyses the day's play in the semifinals
1.15 Sportsworld Extra. Includes boxing – Simon Brown defending his IBF Welterweight title against Bobby Joe Young. Presented by Tony Francis
2.15 News headlines followed by **Film: The Last Five Minutes – Author's Disappointment** (1986) starring Jacques Debary, Marc Eyraud and Caroline Sihol. Thriller about a murder in Paris. The only clue the woman police officer in charge of the case has is a few pages of a manuscript. Directed by Roger Pigault
4.00 News headlines followed by **60 Minutes.** Interviews and investigations from the United States
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax
9.25 Daytime on Two: a new school year in Austria **9.40** Equal opportunities in the YTS **10.05** For the young **10.18** Music from sleigh bells **10.40** Working in a Japanese car factory in Sunderland **11.00** Part two of a Viking drama **11.20** Maths **11.40** A song about water **12.00** Science for the young **12.15** The germ theory of diseases **12.35** Reactions to a crippled teenager **1.00** Science: sixth sense **1.20** A story for children **1.25** Fireman Sam **1.40** A German recalls Berlin in 1945
2.00 News and weather followed by a learning to read series **2.15 Songs of Praise** from Wick (r) (Ceefax) **2.50 Behind the Screen.** The making of *Blackadder Goes Forth*
3.00 News and weather followed by **International Snooker.** The Rothmans Grand Prix. Includes news and weather at **3.50**
4.35 Country File. John Craven reports on viewer reaction to Chris Patten's comments on the Government's green strategy, shown in yesterday's programme
5.00 Film: If I Had a Million (1932, b/w) starring Charles Laughton and W. C. Fields. Comedy about eight disparate people, chosen at random by an eccentric millionaire to inherit his money, who devise ways of spending their fortunes.
6.20 DEF II begins with **Behind the Beat.** Includes Adeva and Cleveland Watkiss **6.50 Gimme 5.** Excerpts from the German chat show *Doppelpunkt.* The subject is Aids
7.20 Entertainment USA 2. Alaska (r)
7.50 Portrait. Ludovic Kennedy interviews Edward Heath. (Ceefax)
8.20 Eminent Victorians. A. N. Wilson discusses William Ewart Gladstone
9.00 Film: Something in Common (1986) starring Ellen Burstyn, Tuesday Weld, Patrick Cassidy and Eli Wallach. A made-for-television romantic comedy about a widow, living with her 22-year-old son, who is shocked when he announces that he has begun an affair with a divorcée old enough to be his mother. Directed by Glenn Jordan
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show examines the myths surrounding Captain Kirk's *Star Trek* adventures **11.55** Weather
12.00 International Snooker. The Rothmans Grand Prix. Ends at **1.05am**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Streetwise. Omnibus edition of the consumer magazine (r)
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Dermot Murnaghan
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 A Site Better Off. The second programme in an Open College series of five about running a small construction company (r). (Oracle)
2.30 Film: It's Love Again (1936, b/w) starring Jessie Matthews, Robert Young and Sonny Hale. Musical comedy about a chorus girl who finds fame by impersonating a mythical society woman invented by two gossip columnists. Directed by Michael Saville
4.05 Film: Night Mail (1936, b/w) A British Rail documentary about the Postal Special train running from Euston to Scotland with some 40 Post Office sorters on board. Directed by Harry Watt and Basil Wright
4.30 Fifteen-to-One (see Choice)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's chat show hosted by Gay Byrne
6.00 Happy Days. American high school comedy series
6.30 Same Difference. Magazine series on disability matters presented by Libby Cross and Mark Todd. This week's edition includes an interview with the French Minister for Disabled People, Michel Gillibert
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.0 Brookside. Stephen learns of Michael's plans to go to the United States with Alison. (Oracle)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham barber's shop, starring Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe (r). (Oracle)
9.00 American Power. Then third of six programmes examining the rise and decline of the United States as a world power
10.00 St Elsewhere. Black comedy series set in a run-down Boston hospital
11.00 Japan Live Performance (see Choice)
12.00 Film: The Quiet Duel (1949, b/w) starring Toshiro Mifune. Drama about a surgeon who contracts syphilis from a soldier on whom he was operating at the front. Returning home, he realizes that he can no longer marry his fiancée. Directed by Akira Kurosawa. Ends at **1.45am**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Sky News Sunrise **6.30** European Business Channel **7.00** The DJ Kat Show **9.30** Super Password **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day: with guest, Peter Duncan, former presenter of *Blue Peter* **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Dennis **4.00** Countdown **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price Is Right **6.30** Sale Of The Century **7.00** Alf **8.00** Amerika **10.00** Jameson Tonight: with guest, actor/writer Steven Berkoff **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** The Big Valley **12.30am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sky News Overnight **5.30** Entertainment This Week **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30am** Our World – Village Earth **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30pm** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live At Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters: child pickpockets **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** The Frank Bough Interview **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The Frank Bough Interview **4.30** Newsline

SKY MOVIES

From **6.00am The Satellite Shop**
2.00pm Chariots of Fire (1981): Ben Cross and Ian Charleson as two rivals in the 1924 Olympics
4.00 Daleks Invasion Earth 2150 AD (1965): Doctor Who journeys into the future to save mankind from the evil Daleks
6.00 Prime Risk (1982): Two teenagers discover how to tap into automatic cash dispensers
8.00 Aloha Bobby and Rose: A car mechanic and his girlfriend are inadvertently drawn into crime. Starring Paul Le Mat and Dianne Hull
10.00 Death Wish 3 (1985): Charles Bronson as the vigilante waging war against crime in New York
11.45 *Prizzi's Honor* (1985): Jack Nicholson and Kathleen Turner in the story of a Mafia-style Brooklyn family
2.00am Moving Violations (1985): Antics at a special school for traffic violators
4.00 Broadway Danny Rose (1984): Starring Woody Allen as the New York talent agent. Ends at **5.25am**

EUROSPORT

6.00am Sky The World Business Report **6.30** Sky European Business Channel **7.00** Sky: The DJ Kat Show **9.30** Eurosport Menu **10.00** Rugby Union: Cardiff v New Zealand **11.00** Football **1.00pm** Australian Indoor Tennis **4.00** Three-Day Eventing: Military Boekelo from Holland **5.00** European Junior Athletics **6.00** European Gymnastics **7.00** NHL Ice Hockey: Game Of The Week **9.00** Eurosport – What A Week! **10.00** International Motor Sport **11.00** Ringside: Superbouts – Donald Curry v Jun Sok Hwang **12.00** NHL Ice Hockey

MTV

7.00am Kristiane Backer **11.30** At the Movies **12.00** Remote Control **12.30pm** Kristiane Backer **2.00** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** 3 from 1 **4.15** Marcel Vanthilt **5.00** Coca-Cola Report **5.15** Marcel Vanthilt **6.00** Remote Control **6.30** Club MTV **7.00** Ray Cokes **9.00** At the Movies **9.30** MTV Spotlight **10.00** Ray Cokes **11.00** Coca-Cola Report **11.15** Maiken Wexo **12.00** Headbangers Ball **2.00am** Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.15am Baseball **7.00** US College Football **9.00** Inside the PGA **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Powersports **12.00** Golf **2.00pm** Drag Racing **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** World Rally Championships **5.00** Inside the PGA **5.30** Horse Racing **6.00** Rugby **7.30** Update **8.30** Spanish Soccer **9.15** Boxing **10.45** Baseball

LIFESTYLE

10.00am It Figures **10.30** Travelview Tips **10.35** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** The Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** What's Cooking **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Power Without Glory **2.40** Search For Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.15** Saints and Sinners **4.05** Dants **4.35** It's Your Lifestyle **4.45** Great American Gameshows

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 The Singing Kettle 6.30pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.30-9.00 Superscot 11.40 Deasbud Na Gaidhlig 12.20am Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update 8.00-8.30 Sportsteam 89 ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Gardens for All 2.00-3.30 Film: Inn of the Sixth Happiness 5.10-5.40 Survival 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 About Anglia 10.35 Just Enough Searoom 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Sledge Hammer! 1.00 Sportsworld 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00-4.00 The Chart Show.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Remember? 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Falcon Crest 11.35 Sledge Hammer! 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Wild World of Animals 2.00 Donahue 3.00-3.30 Who's The Boss? 5.10-5.40 Heart of the Country 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 News 10.35 Laomyne 11.05 Sledge Hammer! 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: Virgin and the Gypsy 2.20 Wrestling 3.15 60 Minutes 4.10 Chess 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Flannel Foot 2.55-3.30 Countryside Close 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.35 Film: Starting Over 12.35am Crime Story 1.30 Supercross 2.00 Fall Guy 3.00-4.00 Chart Show.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm Grampian News 1.30 Sally Jessy Raphael 2.25-3.30 Gloss 5.55 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Sledge Hammer! 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: The Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Film: To Sir, With Love 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.55 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Flying Start 10.35 Who's The Boss? 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: The Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: The Fantastic Voyage 5.55-7.00 News 10.35 Looking Back 11.05 Coach 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Pick of the Week 1.00 Sportsworld 2.00 Film: FunnyCar Summer 3.40 Golf 4.10 Sound of Music 4.40-5.00 50 Years On'

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.55-7.00 Wales at Six 10.35-11.35 It's Not all Plain Sailing.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Scotland Today 1.35 Film: T-Men 3.30-4.00 All Clued Up 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 NB Presents 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: Ransom Money 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 The Young Doctors 2.00 Film: Our Family Business 3.27-4.00 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 10.35 Out of the Box 11.05 Dimensions 2000 12.05 Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Flannelfoot 2.55-3.30 Countryside Close 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.35 Film: Starting Over 12.35am Crime Story 1.30 Supercross 2.00 The Fall Guy 3.00-4.00 The Chart Show

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Fiendish Plot of Dr Fu Manchu 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 10.35 McNally 11.05 Special Squad 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: The Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Newstime 1.30-3.30 Film: Why Not Stay For Breakfast? 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne! 10.35 Carson's Law 11.35 Rock Creation 12.05am Return to Eden 1.00 Hodson Confidential 1.30 Sportsweek 2.25 Film: The Small Voice' 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.35-3.30 On the Fiddle' 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Clegg's People 10.35 Sinclay for the Birds 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Fifty Years On' 12.20am Film: The Gipsy 2.15 Love American Style 2.30 Sport 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 News 12.35 Llunsu Dyod Llun 1.00 Owl TV 1.20 Fony Faoes 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 A Site Better Off 2.30 Film: Moonlight Sonata' 4.00 The Beverly Hillbillies' 4.30 Countdown 5.00 The Munsters' 5.30 Fifteen to One 6.00 News 6.15 Hanner Call 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Y Bocs 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 News 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.55 Snwcer 10.30 St Elsewhere 11.30 October Blaste 12.00 Film: The Quiet Duel' 1.45am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 12.30pm Arts Express 1.00 News 1.30 Carson's Law 2.30 Teach Your Child to Cook 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 Upstairs Downstairs 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Sci-One 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.25 Day Off 7.35 Flying Doctors 8.30 Fair City 9.00 News 9.30 Miami Vice 10.25 Questions and Answers 11.20 News. Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Smurfs 3.30 Elephant Boy 4.00 Lassie 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45 How Things Work 5.25 Alf 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 American Football 9.00 Rising Damp 9.30 South Seas Voyage 10.30 Network News 10.50 Cowra Breakout 11.45 Closedown.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from 5.30am until 8.30pm, then at 10.00
5.00am Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Mark Goodier **7.30** The Mike Read Collection **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** David Allan **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Dance Band Days **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** The Best of Jazz **10.00** The Press Gang **10.30** Double Bill **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** *A Little Night Music*

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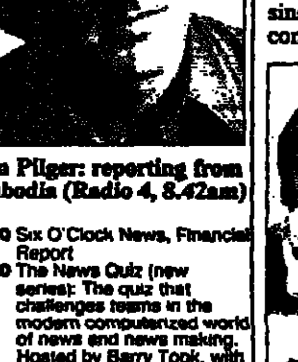
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5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in German. Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Book Choice 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Getting to Know You 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Poems by Post 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News, Sports Roundup 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 News Summary 10.01 The Child's People Stand Up 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Tech Talk 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm The Litmus Test 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Getting to Know You 2.00 World News: Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: Huckleberry Finn 2.45 Three Stories by L P Hartley 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Daughters Come Down 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Europe's News 9.30 Opera International 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Poems by Post 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Megamix 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Short Story: The Colour Mauve 1.45 Europe's World 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps: LPO under Adrian Boult), Busoni (Divertimento, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, Aurèle Nicolet, flute): Mussorgsky (Tell Me, Star, Where Art Thou? Boris Christoff bass, Alexandre Labinsky, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Dvořák (Slavonic Dance in A flat, Op 46 No 3: Cleveland Orchestra under Szell): Schubert (Symphony No 1 in D, D82: Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Claudio Abbado), Berlioz (Overture, Rob Roy: *Montreal Symphony* Orchestra under Charles Dutoit)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Albéniz and Granados. Albeniz (Navarra: Arthur Rubinstein, piano), Granados (Canciones amatorias: Montserrat Caballé, soprano, Orchestra under Rafael Ferrari), Albeniz, orch Trayter (Piano Concerto "Concierto fantástico": RPO under Enrique Bátiz, Aldo Ciccolini, piano): Granados (A la pradera: Thomas Rajna, piano)
9.35 International Winds: Krommer (Partita in E flat, Op 71: Budapest Wind Ensemble) (r); Saint-Saëns (Bassoon Sonata, Op 168); Glinka (Trio pathétique. Jean-Pierre Arnaud, oboe, Gilbert Audin, bassoon, Annie Audin, piano); Johann Wendt (Petite sérénade Italian Oboe Trio); Jean-Michel Damase (Suite concertante for oboe and piano); Odette Gartenlaub (Profils, 1969, for bassoon and piano). Beethoven (Octet in E flat, Op 103: Budapest Wind Ensemble) (r): Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano)
11.50 Haydn and Robert Simpson. The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Bryden Thomson performs Haydn (Symphony No 70); Simpson (Symphony No 4)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert Live from St John's Smith Square, London. Timothy Hugh, cello, Kathron Sturrock, piano perform Beethoven (Sonata in A, Op 69): Kodály (Sonata for solo cello, Op 8)
2.10 Music Weekly (r)
2.55 Mozart: The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Charles Mackerras performs Overture, Don Giovanni, Symphony No 35 in C, K 425 "Linz", Serenade in D, K 250 "Haffner"
4.35 Songs by Eric Coates. In the first of two programmes, Brian Rayner Cook, baritone, Antony Saunders, piano, perform Outlaw's Song: When I Am Dead, Through All the Ages, At Sunset: I Heard You Singing, Mendin' Roadways, Brown Eyes I love, The Dreams of London, A Song Remembered, A Dinder Courtship
5.05 Music for Organ. Played by Margaret Phillips on the Tamburini organ in All Saints Church, Bromsgrove. Bruna (Tiento de mano derecha y al medio a dos tiples): Zipoli (All' elevazione in C, Offertorio in C; Pastorale in C): Frescobaldi (Canzon dopo l'Epistola, Toccata per l'Elevazione; Bergamasca, Chi questa Bergamasca sonara, non pocho imperera), Aguilera de Heredia (Tiento lleno de cuarto)
5.40 Mainly for Pleasure. Music inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest,* is played by Roger Nichols
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. Max Stafford Clark, artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre, talks with Michael Ratcliffe about his work
7.30 Jorge Bolet: The pianist performs Liszt (Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude "Harmonies poétiques et religieuses"): Schubert, transc Liszt (Der Müller und der Bach, Auf dem Wasser zu singen, Lebewohl: Die Forelle)
8.15 The Man in the Metro: Radio producer Kaye Mortley of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation searches for a violinist in the Paris Metro (r)
8.30 EBU Concert Season: The Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra under Frans Bruggen, Rias Chamber Choir performs Haydn (The Creation). Live from the Philharmonie, West Berlin
10.30 The Living Poet: Alistair Elliot reads poems reflecting stays in Britain, Italy, Iran and his first visit to the United States since childhood
11.00 Composers of the Week: C.P.E. Bach (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev John Bull (s) **6.30** Today, with Peter Hobday and Sue MacGregor incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.42** John Pilger reflects on four corners of the world that have caught his journalist's eye: 2. Cambodia **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg and guests (s)
10.00 News: Money Box with Louise Botting (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Pension, by Barry Davis. Read by Malcolm Hebden
10.45 *Daily Service* from Holy Trinity Church, Southport (s)
11.00 News, *Down Your Way*: Colin Welland returns to his home town of Newton-le-Willows, between Liverpool and Manchester (r)
11.40 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae and guest Alan Jenkins
12.00 News, You and Yours presented by John Howard
12.25pm Counterpoint: Musical knowledge quiz chaired by Ned Sherrin. The competitors in the first round, heat 8 are Roger Stein, schoolteacher George Hebda, retired chiropodist and Danny Barnett, retired civil servant **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News, Woman's Hour: Features a discussion on women in prison, between Jenni Murray, writer Shirley Cooklin who has just published a book on how to survive imprisonment and Rosie Johnston who has served a prison sentence for drug offences
3.00 News, Personal Luggage: Play by Chris Denys. A family looking forward to a fresh start in their new home are forced by an angry apparition (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. The Old Gringo: Gregory Peck in conversation with Derek Malcolm (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather



John Pilger: reporting from Cambodia (Radio 4, 8.42am)

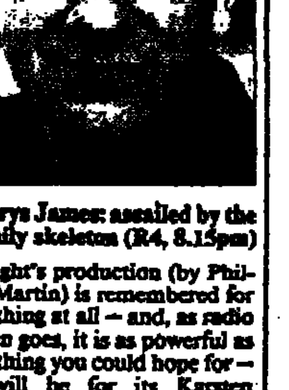
6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz (new series): The quiz that challenges teams in the modern computerized world of news and news making. Hosted by Barry Took, with team captains Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper with a report published today in the *Journal of British Poultry Science* which claims that a third of battery hens have broken bones pre-slaughter (r)
7.45 Science Now (r)
8.15 The Monday Play: The Pillars of Society, by Henrik Ibsen, translated by Michael Meyer. With Emrys James as Karsten Bernick (s) (see Choice) **10.28** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
11.45 Professional Doubles: Sonia Beesley talks to five couples pursuing the same career: 5. Management experts Joanna and Jeremy Foster (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Night School

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

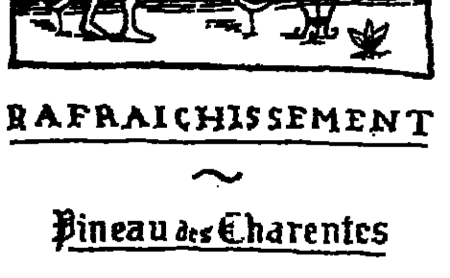
● By no stretch of the imagination can **The Pillars of Society** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) be counted among Ibsen's best plays. It is over-plotted, over-melodramatic, and climaxes in an act of atonement for past sins that puts Scrooge's conversion in the shade. If



Emrys James: assailed by the family skeleton (R4, 8.15pm)

tonight's production (by Philip Martin) is remembered for anything at all – and, as radio Ibsen goes, it is as powerful as anything you could hope for – it will be for its Karsten Bernick, shipbuilder and a town's leading citizen, who is assailed by the skeleton he has kept locked away in the family cupboard for 15 years. Ibsen does not imbue the character with much subtlety. He is little more than a pawn in a theatrical propaganda game, and it takes a considerable actor to breathe credibility into him. Emrys James gets as close to achieving this tonight as any actor I have ever heard. He almost makes us believe that such a rogue as Bernick could be capable of an epic speech of self-denunciation. Sadly, this was to be James's swan-song. He died earlier this year. With his passing, radio drama lost a Titan among actors.

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Engineering industry on brink of long dispute

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Union leaders and employers last night clashed on the eve of a series of strike ballots which could send shudders through the ranks of the Cabinet.

As the Government prepares to defend its economic policy against the prospect of the City following Wall Street into a free-fall on the shares market, the engineering industry stands on the brink of a long and damaging dispute.

Workers at seven key sites in large British exporting companies are this week being balloted on indefinite strike action in support of union demands for a four-hour reduction in the working week to 35 hours.

The unions have been told by Mr John Banham, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry, that, if they succeed, more than 300,000 jobs could be lost.

Last night Mr Alex Ferry, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU), said: "As we anticipated, the employers are scaremongering, saying that shorter hours will mean loss of competitiveness and loss of jobs. That claim is false. When the West Germans last cut the working week, by two hours, they created 200,000 new jobs — and became the most productive engineering nation in Europe."

The unions, who have amassed a strike fund of more than £8 million, are balloting members at selected sites at NEI-Parsons in Newcastle upon Tyne, British Aerospace, Rolls-Royce and Smiths Industries, Cheltenham.

Union leaders have admitted the sites within the companies have been carefully chosen to exert maximum pressure. Mr Ferry said: "If we win a reduction in hours this year, then millions more workers in other industries will themselves gain shorter hours, as they did in 1979."

He said the workers had already earned the right to a shorter working week though "spectacular increases in productivity and output.

"It is something their employers can afford, given the huge rise in profits they have enjoyed. A shorter working week will mean more leisure, more time for families, and will create 85,000 new jobs in the UK. It will mean Britain catching up with Europe, where hours are being cut continuously."

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said the employers, in rejecting a staged reduction to 37 hours, had turned down a radical offer on new working practices and had replied with demands which amounted to a "calculated insult".

Mr D'Arcy Payne, the Rolls-Royce director of personnel, said that the future of the company would be at risk if the claim was conceded.

Mr Peter Brighton, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, last night said it appeared that the CSEU was prepared to put thousands of jobs at risk for an unrealistic 35-hour week, which would be the shortest in the industrialized world.

The 37.5-hour goal, he said, was realistic and attainable.

"The Germans, on 37 hours, have productivity 55 per cent higher than ours. America and Japan, two of the richest nations in the world, who work 40-hour weeks, have productivity a staggering 138 per cent above ours.

"Does the CSEU really want to hand their members' jobs to our competitors on a plate?"

Air control crisis.....5

Home again, after a quarter of a century



Mr Walter Sisulu and his wife, Albertina, together yesterday in the home in the Orlando West district of Soweto he had not seen for more than 25 years.

The face that disappeared from view for a generation





LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR AFRICAN LEADERS

"IN ESSENCE THIS WAS CRIME OF HIGH TREASON."

PROTESTS IN BRITAIN AND AT UN

Mr Sisulu at the time of his imprisonment; and, above, how *The Times* reported the sentencing from Pretoria on June 13, 1964.

Jubilation for freed ANC men

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he told reporters. "It is their spirit that kept us alive all these years."

Mr Sisulu, sentenced to life imprisonment for plotting revolution in 1964, said he had been prepared to die in jail. "On the whole, however, I knew that the pressure was building up and that sooner or later the authorities would have to give in.

"It was not possible to despair because the spirit of the people outside was too great," he said.

The spontaneous welcome ceremonies were relatively restrained, possibly in response to instructions from the anti-apartheid movement to avoid trouble.

Mr Ahmed Kathrada, an Indian ANC activist, was also given a jubilant reception at his brother's home in Lenasia, the Asian township near Johannesburg. "It's wonderful to be free, now I want a cup of tea," he told well-wishers.

Mr Oscar Mpetha, aged 80, emerged from hospital in Cape Town looking remarkably sprightly for a man suffering from chronic diabetes who had had a leg amputed during his detention. He walked with the aid of an artificial leg and a stick from a vehicle which brought him to his home in Nyanga township, near Cape Town.

The only former prisoner to express anger was Mr Jafta Masemola, aged 60, who was jailed in 1963 for launching military operations by the Pan-Africanist Congress. He has a stature in his organization similar to that of Mandela in the ANC. He was also the longest-serving political prisoner after Mandela.

He said his detention had made him a "very bitter man" determined to continue fighting for black political rights. "Life on Robben Island was sheer hell," he said.

Peking seeks curbs on basic law

By Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and Michael Evans in London

Chinese legislators want a ban on anti-Peking activities enshrined in Hong Kong's Basic Law, when British rule of the colony ends in 1997.

The latest evidence of a continuing hard line in Peking came from members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, which met at the weekend.

The Chinese deputies proposed that curbs on political activity in Hong Kong should be enshrined in the Basic Law, the mini-constitution now being drafted to govern the territory after it reverts to Chinese control in 1997.

The New China News Agency said that members of the committee had proposed articles forbidding brutal interference in China's internal affairs, including those of Hong Kong, and using Hong Kong as a base for activities against Peking.

The British Government is determined to include a Bill of Rights in the Basic Law so that the people of Hong Kong will feel confident that democracy will still flourish in the colony after the British lease runs out.

But the tough approach adopted by the Peking deputies over the weekend appeared to hold out little hope of concessions.

The committee also repeated Peking's position that China would have the right to station units of the People's Liberation Army in Hong Kong and to declare a state of emergency if necessary.

British officials said that these crucial issues should be a matter for the British-Chinese Joint Liason Group, which was set up to discuss Hong Kong in the lead-up to 1997.

At the group's meeting two weeks ago the Chinese appeared in no mood to offer concessions. The group is due to meet next in Hong Kong in December.

The people of Hong Kong have, until the end of this month, the right to comment and make suggestions for improving the draft for the Basic Law. But members of the National People's Congress, said at the weekend that there was no need for any big change to the Basic Law, which a plenary meeting of the Congress will promulgate in March, seven years before the end of British rule.

Calls for the promulgation to be delayed in the wake of the bloody suppression of pro-democracy students in Peking's Tiananmen Square in June were ignored.

Chinese members of the Basic Law drafting committee have also refused to visit Hong Kong.

Doctors threaten resignations

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visit, and £80 for a night visit.

The threatened revolt is against a contract which many GPs feel burdens them with so much bureaucratic responsibility that they would have less time for patients.

They believe that they will be obliged to give an hour-by-hour breakdown of daily work, to make annual reports, to spend at least 26 hours a week seeing patients, and be under pressure to meet immunization targets and carry out measurements of patients' height, weight and blood pressure every three years.

Dr Michael Wilson, chairman of the BMA general medical services committee, and chief negotiator on the contracts, accused Mr Clarke of undermining the goodwill of the profession by his "take it or leave it" attitude.

He said: "I have never seen the profession with such seething discontent at every level." Doctors were now talking openly of resigning from the NHS, although that was a last-resort option.

● Leaders of Britain's 18,000 NHS dentists said yesterday that their new contracts were "better for patients, better for dentistry". The British Dental Association's general dental services committee at the weekend gave "overwhelming" support for the contract. Mr Clarke said the decision "shows what can be achieved when a professional body like the BDA puts the interests of patients first".

Labour proposes new mortgage controls

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

New controls on mortgages were proposed yesterday by Mr Bryan Gould as part of a Labour government's programme to restrain the credit explosion and the growth of house prices.

The party spokesman on trade and industry made plain that Labour would bring in stricter conditions on mortgage loans. These account for about 85 per cent of personal borrowing.

Mr Gould said the measures, aimed primarily at people "trading up" in the housing market who often borrow more than they need solely to buy their new home, would tackle the "asset inflation" which has grown rapidly in recent years.

He did not spell out the details of the Labour proposals, but hinted that building societies would be told to lend smaller multiples of people's salaries, which would cut a huge amount from the total lent for mortgages. The length of mortgage terms might also be cut.

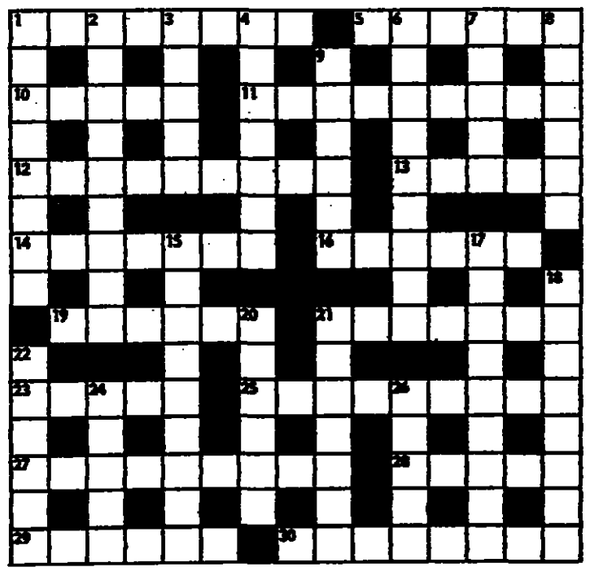
The curbs would apply to new mortgages but, as the party's policy review makes clear and Mr Gould emphasized, a Labour government would introduce special measures to help first-time buyers. These would be designed to help couples when they need it most, either at the start of a mortgage or when one partner stops earning.

Proposals under discussion include bringing forward relief in the early years of a mortgage which people would have received later on, or restructuring the system so that a higher percentage of relief is paid in the early years.

Mr Gould said, in an interview on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World*, that that Labour did not think that merely restricting higher purchase agreements or limiting credit card lending would be a sufficient alternative to high interest rates.

No quick fix, page 16

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,114



ACROSS

1 Ready to gather saleable produce (4,4).
5 Flyer's return to America a source of ill feeling (6).
10 Left in pothole, perhaps to break the ice (5).
11 Hesitate to follow weary Nationalist (4-5).
12 Slapping a charge on roads (9).
13 Quarrel in Cockney school (5).
14 It is kept in order to dry hay left out (7).
16 PM in retreat in Surrey outskirts, ready to retire perhaps (6).
19 Take note of extension (6).
21 Being an impetuous person, he had to reform (7).
23 One up, like 19 (5).
25 Position with expedition secured by first-class mail? (4-5).
27 Kind of education offered by State beyond first form (9).
28 Cricketer's elegance (5).
29 Soldier wrong to answer back (6).
30 Source of illumination for animal transport reported going to fair (3,5).

DOWN

1 Prepare to fire as ducks or other fowl (8).
2 Discrimination shown by the French in part (9).
3 Firm grasp of revolutionary belief (5).
4 Bad worker unprepared (7).
6 A factor in the distribution of intelligence (9).
7 One setting off — with resolution? (5).
8 They may form attachments in prison (6).
9 Conservationists found in southern States (6).
15 Speculator in gold is taken in there, unfortunately (9).
17 Forceful association organising servicemen's collection (5-4).
18 Ardent, he may be following a cause (8).
20 Await former spouse caught in semper (6).
21 Lost her letters to the stableman (7).
22 Second-class runner prescribed tonic (6).
24 Draw up servicemen on square after start of drill (5).
26 Hard, say, on the Spanish philosopher (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,113 will appear next Saturday

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

HYPAETHRAL
a. An American rocket fuel
b. Abnormally sensitive
c. In the open air

FINGER
a. A microwave oven
b. To complain sanctimoniously
c. An ace darts player

TACONITE
a. A Zoroastrian fanatic
b. A sedimentary rock
c. A Mexican nightclub

NELLY
a. A homosexual
b. A late-length gunboat
c. A four-bird

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

Most of Scotland, Northern Ireland, northern England and north Wales will be cloudy with some rain, especially in the North-west. The North-east will be fairly dry and bright. Central and southern England and southern Wales will be dry with sunny spells, although it may be rather cloudy in south-west England and Wales. Outlook: Rain in the North will move slowly south-east, but it will be quite warm.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alicante	21	70	s	Malaysia	32	90	t
Algarve	25	77	s	Malaga	28	82	f
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malta	27	81	s
Algiers	28	73	s	Melb'rne	18	64	s
Amst'dam	13	55	r	Mexico C'	19	66	sh
Athens	21	70	s	Miami*	31	88	t
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	16	61	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	13	55	c
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	13	55	c
Belgrade	19	66	r	Munich	14	57	r
Berlin	12	54	r	Nairobi	24	75	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	Naples	27	81	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
Bordx'x	17	63	s	N York*	22	72	s
Brussels	13	55	r	Nice	21	70	s
Budapest	13	55	c	Oslo	12	54	r
B Aires*	-	-	-	Paris	16	61	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Peking	18	64	f
Cape Tn	-	-	-	Perth	18	64	s
C'blanca	20	68	s	Prague	10	50	r
Chicago*	28	82	s	Reykjvk	3	37	sn
Cin'nnati	-	-	-	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	12	54	r	Rio de J	32	90	s
C'penhgn	10	50	r	Riyadh	34	93	s
Corfu	23	73	s	Rome	24	75	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	9	48	r
Dubrovnik	18	61	r	S F'cisco*	18	64	c
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	16	61	s
Florence	19	66	s	S Paulo*	17	63	s
Frankfurt	13	55	r	Seoul	16	61	c
Funchal	22	72	f	Singapr	31	88	t
Geneva	14	57	s	St'kholm	8	46	r
Gibraltar	21	70	c	Strasb'rg	13	55	r
Glasgow	11	52	s	Sydney	24	75	s
Hong K'	27	81	s	Tangier	28	73	s
Innsbruck	10	50	r	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	19	66	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jakarta	34	93	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	29	79	s	Toronto*	17	63	f
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	32	73	c
L Palmas	28	79	f	Valencia	19	66	s
Le Touq't	15	59	r	Vanc'ver*	11	52	s
Lisbon	20	68	s	Venice	17	63	s
Locarno	21	70	c	Vienna	13	55	r
L Angels*	19	66	c	Warsaw	10	50	c
Luxmbg	10	50	c	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
Lyngr	9	48	s	Wellsn	-	-	-
Madrid	20	68	s	Zurich	12	54	r

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Hunstanton	8.6	-	14	57	sunny
Cromer	7.9	-	14	57	sunny
Lowestft	8.0	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	5.5	-	15	59	bright
Margate	6.3	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	5.2	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	7.7	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	6.9	-	16	61	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.4	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor Rg	5.1	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	6.6	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemth	3.6	-	15	59	sunny
Poole	3.3	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	3.9	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	2.1	-	16	61	bright
Torquay	2.1	-	17	63	bright
Falmouth	3.2	-	16	61	bright
Scilly Isles	3.0	-	17	63	bright
Jersey	6.3	-	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	3.1	-	17	63	bright
Newquay	3.5	-	16	61	cloudy
Bude	2.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Manxmnbr	0.5	.01	14	57	rain
Douglas	-	.07	13	55	rain
B'ham Airpt	0.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Bristol (Cty)	0.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	0.9	-	14	57	cloudy
London	4.0	-	17	63	bright
Manchester	0.5	.01	14	57	rain
Heathrow	0.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	0.1	.01	15	59	shower
Colwyn Bay	0.8	.04	16	61	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.5	.06	11	52	rain
Edinburgh	0.7	.03	14	57	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.09	9	48	rain
Prestwick	-	.09	13	55	rain
Stornoway	0.8	.04	10	50	rain
Wick	-	.09	11	52	rain
Belfast	-	.06	14	57	rain

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Saturday: max 8 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am,10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1018.2 millibars, rising.
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Yesterday: max 8 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am,07C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.59in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.38 in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, and Cromer, Norfolk, 8.9 hr.

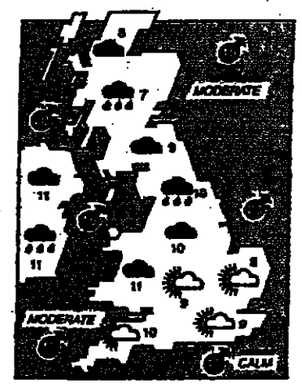
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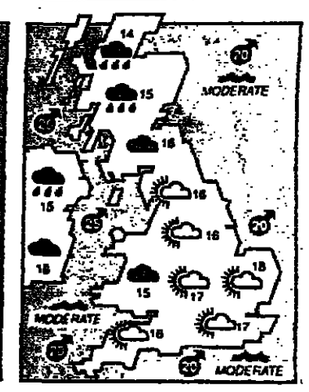
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.36 pm to 6.58 am
Bristol 6.46 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 6.40 pm to 7.16 am
Manchester 6.41 pm to 7.10 am
Penzance 6.30 pm to 7.17 am

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 6.05 pm
Moon sets: 2.56 pm
Moon rises: 5.19 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	11	52	r	Guernsey	17	63	f
B'ningham	13	55	r	Inverness	11	52	r
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	13	55	c	London	14	57	f
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'chester	12	54	r
Edinburgh	13	55	f	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	P'mdowey	13	55	r

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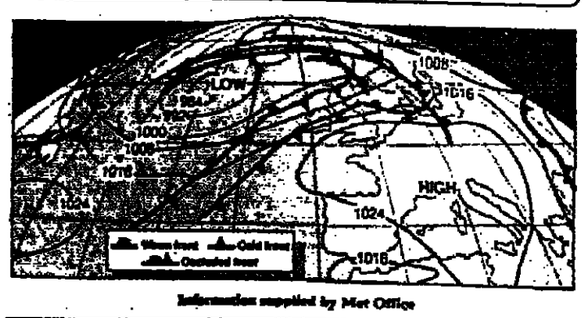
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.16	7.5	3.35	7.6
Aberdeen	2.34	4.8	2.58	4.4
Avonmouth	8.48	14.1	9.08	14.2
Belfast	12.02	3.8	12.27	3.6
Cardiff	8.38	13.0	8.54	13.1
Devonport	7.22	5.8	7.54	5.9
Dover	12.08	6.9	12.28	7.2
Falmouth	7.02	5.5	7.24	5.7
Glasgow	2.11	5.1	2.28	4.8
Harwich	1.17	4.2	1.28	4.3
Heysham	11.42	5.9	—	—
Hull	7.34	8.3	8.08	7.8
Ilfracombe	7.27	9.8	7.50	10.0
King's Lynn	8.47	7.8	7.22	7.1
Leith	3.44	8.0	4.20	5.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	12.23	10.2	12.47	9.9
Lowestoft	10.48	2.8	11.28	2.5
Margate	1.18	5.0	1.17	5.2
Milford Haven	7.41	7.5	8.04	7.7
Newquay	6.21	7.5	6.54	7.6
Oban	7.07	4.2	7.34	4.4
Penzance	6.29	5.9	6.53	6.0
Portland	6.43	2.5	9.12	2.6
Portsmouth	12.36	5.0	1.06	5.1
Shoreham	12.20	6.6	12.45	6.6
Southampton	—	—	12.21	4.8
Swansea	7.46	10.3	8.10	10.4
Tyne	4.56	8.0	5.26	5.8
W'ton-on-Nze	1.07	4.4	1.18	4.5

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NOON TODAY



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SECTION 2

MONDAY OCTOBER 16 1989

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5660 (–0.0365)

W German mark
2.9574 (–0.0785)

Exchange index
89.3 (–2.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1818.0 (–39.8)

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How Fed cash squeeze lit the fires under market

From Maxwell Newton
New York

US NOTEBOOK

The US stock market finally fell under the incessant pressure from the Federal Reserve to restrict the cash base of the American system.

There has been a fall in "real" terms in the US cash base throughout 1989 to date, and eventually this did for the doubtful debts that have given Wall Street its latest "high."

The cash squeeze, which turned the US yield curve negative beginning this January, hit the system in its most vulnerable point — financing of junk bonds. Recent weeks have seen more problems in this second and third grade debt market. Between the first quarter this year and last week, the spread between Treasury and junk yields blew out from 3½ per cent to nearly 7 per cent. So bad were conditions on Friday that no measure of the spread could be gained, but it no doubt had blown out much farther, perhaps in the range of 8 per cent to 9 per cent.

While the extreme pressure on cash persisted, due to the Fed's policy of holding Federal Funds about 100 basis points above the 90-day T-Bill yield (and about 100 to 150 basis points above the five-year Treasury Note yield), the dollar strengthened as cash was sucked into New York from abroad.

As the Fed's grip on cash grew ever tighter, corporate profits fell under the further impact of the central bank's long-standing freeze on US money growth; this year to date, M3 has risen 3.3 per cent a year, a decline in real terms. In the second quarter, corporate profits after tax had fallen to a level little different in nominal terms from the level in the first quarter of 1988.

Reports of third quarter corporate profits have been quite poor, indicating a further drop.

During the third quarter, therefore, the financial markets became more illiquid and more uneasy. The progressive collapse of the junk bond market indicated financing for the go-go leveraged buyout and merger and acquisition deals, which have been such an important element in the stock market's rise, was becoming ever more difficult.

Important junk bond offerings had to be shelved. The Ohio Mattress proposed issue was one of the first. Ramada had to abandon a proposed $400 million (£253 million) junk offering on Wednesday.

First Boston, meanwhile, have been grappling with the Campeau nightmare. Congress did not help with its demand that all thrifts sell their junk holdings. During August and September, bond market dealers have been complaining the Treasury bond market has been "heavy" and Wall Street has been more and more skittish about financing Treasury bonds' inventory. Meanwhile, New York banks in the recent weeks have been reporting huge losses as they finally owned up to some fraction of their third world debt losses.

The match that set off the devouring fire in this tinder-dry straw pile was the collapse of the UAL buyout deal. Only Citicorp and Chase would come up with their promised share of the cash, leaving the deal about 40 per cent financed.

Arbitrageurs then faced the horror of being long in far too many deals and they tried to square their positions.

The resulting scramble to get out of positions provoked a classic cash squeeze which simply broke the market. Meanwhile, in the Treasury market, the yield curve swung crazily towards the positive.

At lunchtime on Friday, the bond equivalent yield of the 90-day T-Bill was 7.98 per cent. By 5pm, it had collapsed to 7.08 per cent. At lunchtime, the 30-year Treasury Bond was yielding 8.04 per cent. By 5pm, it had dropped to 7.83 per cent yield, the low point for 1989. Government bond dealers' offices faced a torrent of orders after 3pm and were still fully manned at 5pm, with business still flooding in.

Now, the LBO and M&A craze is finished. Deals will not be financeable. Indeed, some of the leading investment banks involved may have to sell shares to the Japanese or to the Europeans in order to survive at all. Greed and corruption have temporarily run their course. The rape of corporate America has been stopped for the time being. The Fed made the price too high.

The echo of the October 1987 crash has been heard in the fall of US economic growth this year and in the decline of the whole of the US industrial sector which has hardly expanded at all in 1989.

The echo of this latest blowout will be felt in yet another dismantling of worthless debts — a continuance of the third world débâcle, the Texas Oilpatch débâcle, the Southwest property débâcle, the thrifts débâcle.

Eventually the notion will gain hold that credit quality may be considered in the evaluation of high "prospective" yields.

Economy not under threat, says Banham

By Colin Narborough

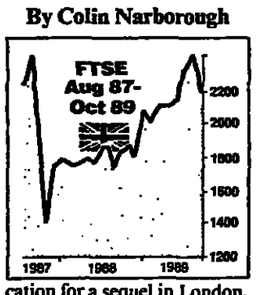
Mr John Banham, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday challenged widespread fears that a slide in share prices on the London stock market today would be a serious threat to the economy.

The British market is "very different" from the US, which on Friday saw Wall Street suffer its biggest fall in the Dow-Jones average since the crash of October 1987, especially in the field of takeovers.

Appearing on BBC television's *Money Programme*, he also drew attention to the "underlying health" of the British economy.

He said the global crash two years ago had taught us not to confuse financial markets with real ones. "I expect the lemmings will have their day" when stock exchanges open, but what happens today should have no lasting effect on the economy.

Earlier Mr Banham's spokesman said shares in British companies were in the CBI view "basically undervalued" and that the City's alarmed reaction to Wall Street's dramatic fall was "over-hysterical" and there is no justification for a sequel in London.



Friday's 190-point crash — Wall Street's second biggest points fall ever — prompted immediate fears of a global crash along the lines of Black Monday two years ago.

Mr Banham has long complained that the financial markets, like the Government, have a bad record when trying to guage the state of the economy, often being forced to rely on out-of-date information of uncertain quality to make their judgements.

The CBI, meanwhile, stays in close touch with its membership which covers all sectors of the economy, thereby obtaining an immediate and real view of the situation at any given time. Its regular surveys of businessmen are consequently held in high regard by economists.

Despite his declared faith in the underlying strength of the economy, Mr Banham made clear that the CBI still considers the last interest rate increase unwarranted. "Recession is not here, but it is a very serious risk," he said. He saw 15 per cent base rate as overkill, which could do more inflationary damage than short-term fluctuations in the exchange rate. His spokesman highlighted reports that the slide in US share prices was triggered by the banks rejecting a $6.8 billion (£4.34 billion) funding plan for the takeover of United Airlines using so-called "junk bonds."

Such high-risk debt, and the leveraged bids it often finances, is virtually non-existent in Britain, while in the US it has become a main factor behind takeover activity, driving the stock market higher.

Mr Banham gave a warning to industry last month about the danger of introducing the junk bond-backed leveraged bid to Britain.

It would put more pressure on management to produce short-term results at the expense of long-term investment

He sees the growing threat of takeover, or a large overhang of debt after the event, hardly encouraging management to embark on projects which will not yield instant returns.

King flies out for UAL crisis talks



Fond farewell: Lord King yesterday as he left home for America to sort out the UAL deal

By John Bell and James Bone

Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, flew to the US last night for talks on the collapse of the $6.8 billion (£4.34 billion) buy-out of United Airlines, which triggered the Wall Street share slump on Friday.

BA planned to take a 15 per cent stake in UAL, United's parent company, as part of the buy-out which was led by UAL management and pilots. Lord King remains strongly committed to salvaging a deal.

But BA's advisers were last night dismissing New York reports that new terms will be finalized swiftly.

The deal, largely financed by junk bonds, collapsed when a number of Japanese banks declined to take their full share of the financing.

Lord King said last night: "I am still hopeful that we can find a way of taking a shareholding in United. But circumstances are changed. I want to see how much the world has changed after Friday and what it means for my shareholders."

BA has gained shareholder approval for a £310 million rights issue to finance the buy-out and is guaranteed to receive the cash as it is underwritten. Meanwhile Airline Acquisition Corporation, formed to lead the buy-out, is hoping to reneogotiate terms.

The previous all-cash bid of $300-a-share, is expected to be replaced by one consisting of $260-$275 a share in cash plus some paper, perhaps an issue of preferred stock, to match the bid's original value.

AAC said that its bankers believed "syndication of senior financing for the acquisition would be possible on revised terms" and that it would submit a revised bid.

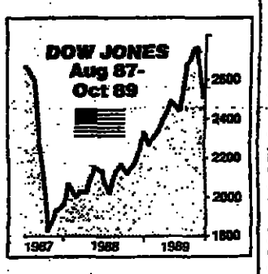
Wall Street prepares for test of trading halt

Wall Street is preparing for what could be the first test of procedures to temporarily halt trading if share prices decline steeply. The plans were adopted after the 1987 crash, but some traders and exchange officials are concerned about the impact of such a halt.

Moreover, some traders are distressed that fundamental changes that were viewed as necessary after the 1987 crash have still not yet been adopted.

Exchange officials said that the changes in their operations since 1987 have put the market in much better shape than when the crash occurred.

The changes are wide-ranging and include a reorganization of the computerized systems that execute trades, an



expansion of the trading floors, and an increase in the amount of capital that specialists on the floors of the exchanges are required to have.

"All of the things that we have learned from the studies of the 1987 market break have been taken to heart and have been put in place," said Mr Richard Grasso, the president of the New York Stock Exchange.

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HKSE 'will stay open'

Hong Kong's stock exchange will remain open, said Sir Piers Jacobs, the financial secretary, who closed the markets in 1987.

He said: "Both our stock and futures markets are in good shape and can be trusted to handle any situation."

Mr Francis Yuen, exchange chief executive, said he was confident Hong Kong would not respond drastically.

Call for calm

M Pierre Beregovoy, French finance minister, urged investors not to panic. "One must not panic but keep a cool head. This calls for very close co-operation among economic and monetary officials.

German hope

West German economists said Frankfurt may be spared a repeat of 1987. Herr Werner Chrobok, of Bethmann Bank, said: "It is a totally different situation. A bloodbath in German markets would be a clear exaggeration."

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France Fr	10.44	9.84
Germany Dm	3.075	2.905
Greece Dr	277	257
Hong Kong $	12.85	11.95
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Italy Lire	2270	2140
Japan Yen	239	223
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.25
Norway Kr	11.46	10.80
Portugal Esc	263	247
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	195.25	183.25
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Switzerland Fr	2.71	2.55
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Tokyo aware of its key role

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The feeling among Japan's rarely panicky stockbrokers is that the fall in share prices will be temporary and relatively shallow.

There are no voices in Tokyo predicting a repeat of the world stock market crash that shattered investor confidence two years ago. Given world stock markets' quicker-than-expected recovery from Black Monday, many Japanese share traders believe that investors might queue up to take advantage of any sizeable price drops.

Japanese Finance Ministry officials, bankers and stock dealers are aware that today's performance by the Tokyo market could be the key to determining whether New York's 190-point plunge on Friday turns into another worldwide crash.

Their calm mood partly reflects the fact that the Tokyo Stock Exchange suffered far less than New York or London from the 1987 debacle.

Leading Japanese securities firms are ready and willing to buy up shares themselves, as they did in 1987, to stave off the effects of any collapse in share prices, should that collapse come too fast.

Officials of Japan's Finance Ministry which usually has the ear of Tokyo's security company chiefs, were aware that stock market investors would be jittery when the Tokyo exchange opened today.

They were in contact with stockbroking firms to discuss ways to avert any possibility of a crash in Tokyo. Analysts also said the state of the world economy and the events that triggered Friday's fall in New York are different enough from October 1987 to make a repetition unlikely.

Mr Nobuo Kurakazu, director of the stock department at Daiwa Securities, predicted that any fall in Tokyo share prices would be temporary because Friday's losses on Wall Street stemmed from local market factors.

Sydney looks for comeback

Analysts in Australia hoped that, barring further bad news from overseas, shares on the Sydney stock market would quickly recoup some of their early losses.

Nearly all observers ruled out a repeat of the October 20 1987 crash, when Australian shares plummeted 25 per cent in one day.

They said that the national index was still more than 25 per cent below its 1987 peak, and, unlike in the United States, it had not raced higher.

Mr Andrew Mohl, chief economist at ANZ, added that "1987 represented a bursting of a speculative bubble, but this bubble simply does not exist at the moment."

Steep fall in share prices could cut growth and lift unemployment

Fear of real recession increases

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The world economic background to the steep fall in Wall Street share prices on Friday is much healthier than it was two years ago at the time of the stock market crash in 1987. But for Britain a steep fall in stock market prices, coming on top of interest rates at 15 per cent, must significantly increase the chances of recession and higher unemployment.

Underlying the stock market crash in 1987 was the problem of America's twin deficits and the huge trade imbalance between the US and the countries in balance of payments surplus, primarily Japan and Germany. This produced a long-lasting run on the dollar which, in spite of the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability in February 1987, continued intermittently throughout the summer of 1987 and into the autumn.

There was no unanimity on what to do about the problems in foreign exchange markets and bickering over policy options was the short-term cause of the crash. Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had for at least a year been pressing Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, his West German opposite number, to reflate the West German economy by cutting taxes more significantly. But this was resisted by the inflation-conscious Germans. The spark which lit the stock market bonfire was a renewed outbreak of verbal hostilities between the two.

Today's background is very different. America's twin deficits are still there but they are much less threatening. The budget deficit for fiscal 1990 beginning this month, on which agreement was finally reached just ahead of the weekend, is now less than half its peak of $221

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billion (£141 billion) in 1986 and little more than a third as big as the highest it has reached as a percentage of national income.

The trade deficit, too, is considerably smaller than it has been and with the US economy slowing down is generally expected to fall further. The West German surplus continues to rise rapidly, but the countervailing deficits are now in Europe, not least in Britain.

As a result the central banks' problem this year has been not dollar weakness but dollar strength. If the dollar falls in line with Wall Street on the expectation of lower interest rates, no-one is going to mind much, at least for a time. Mr Lawson's main fear must now be one of overkill. He has already made it plain that interest rates will stay at their present high level for some time to come. Of all countries, British rates must be one of the least likely to fall — a fact which should give sterling some support.

If, on top of high interest rates, share prices fall steeply and consumers panic, economic growth could turn sharply negative and unemployment start rising again rapidly. Recession might then arrive, not just in the US sense of two successive quarters of negative growth but the real sense of a period of business failure and rising unemployment.

Mr Lawson's advisers will be giving him three arguments of comfort. In the first place, recent indicators suggest that the economy may need a shock to bring inflation under control. Secondly, the economic effect of the 1987 crash was much smaller than practically everyone expected at the time. Thirdly, recession can be avoided if, as a result of better management and trade union reform, Britain's labour markets are sufficiently flexible to allow pay rates and manning levels to adjust rapidly to the new circumstances.

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Stags should stay well clear despite Hays razzmatazz

At any price, 169 million shares would be a heavy load to shift in uncertain markets, and Hays believed it had recognized the difficulties by pricing its offer for sale markedly below its original ambitions. But after the drama of last Friday, even those calculations are looking decidely optimistic.

Hays has had a razzmatazz build-up to the flotation, with an extensive and expensive "awareness campaign," and the paraphernalia of share offices and hot lines normally associated with free-spending privatizations.

The irony, however, is that the flotation is predominantly one for the institutions or those individuals with substantial portfolios, rather than for all the "Sids" who may have been attracted by the publicity.

Given the well-broadcast "price cut" from the 140p-a-share originally thought possible to the 105p actually being asked, Hays ran the risk of attracting stags hoping to make an immediate 35p profit. Those should leave their money in the building society.

On an historic basis, even at 105p, Hays shares are on offer at a premium to the market while the yield is below average. On the prospective numbers, assuming £56 million of profits, or 10p of earnings, the shares are at a modest discount. But if the shares rise in the aftermarket, the rating begins to move above that of some of the more successful conglomerates, such as BTR and Hanson. Especially if those issues fall out of bed in Wall Street's wake.

Hays would argue that it should not be counted a conglomerate but a service company, and there is some merit in that idea. But there is little synergy between staff recruitment and the distribution of chemicals, two of Hays's biggest activities, and the conglomerate tag fits quite naturally.

The company has grown by acquisition, and the effects of buying goodwill can be seen in a balance sheet showing negative net worth, and thus infinite gearing. Net borrowings were a heady £170 million, and most of the £161 million being raised for the company by the offer will be used to repair the balance sheet. A small part of the proceeds will go to those who participated in the original buyout.

For future acquisitions, Hays will have the opportunity to utilize paper, but it is to be hoped that the equity base will not be stretched to breaking point.

In the meantime, investors wanting a decent sized stake for a medium-term run with a well-managed group might apply, but the stags should keep clear unless the market mood changes rapidly for the better.

And those wanting only modest shareholdings should take their chance in the aftermarket, where the price might be below even the 105p "cut price" offer, for institutional investors will now expect to pick up holdings through their underwriting, selling off any excess.



French connection: Anthony Tennant's investment was inspired shift of corporate direction

Guinness

First thoughts on the Guinness half-timer earlier this month were bullish. Second thoughts are even better, hence the lively showing of Guinness shares, up from 572p to 605p, despite the doom-laden mood of the market since the drinks group reported.

Most of the excitement revolves round the group's 24 per cent stake in the French luxury goods business, LVMH. This investment was an inspired shift of corporate direction led by Mr Anthony Tennant, the chairman. These days, the founder, whose autograph still appears on the down-market bottles of stout which were once the mainstay of profits, would hardly recognise the group.

Guinness now derives a sizeable and fast-growing share of its income from some of the world's most sought-after brand names, such as Veuve Clicquot and Moet champagnes, Hennessey cognac and Givenchy and Dior perfumes.

The second thoughts which have preoccupied the City's Guinness watchers since the figures, suggest that the LVMH contribution is rising more rapidly than expected.

In the first half of the year LVMH announced a sparkling 60 per cent rise in earnings with cognac contribution up 50 per cent, while champagne was 28 per cent up. The joint ventures between Guinness and LVMH also fared well with perfumes up 28 per cent and luggage gaining 48 per cent.

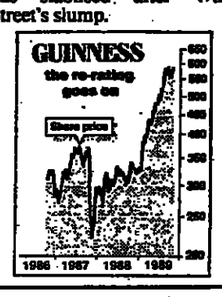
However, Guinness did not benefit fully from LVMH's brisk advance. The group now has a 24 per cent interest. But Guinness's average interest throughout the 6 months was 16 per cent, and the timing of the deals meant that the LVMH contribution represented less than 14 per cent of its earnings. In the second half therefore, Guinness's share of LVMH will effectively be 85 per cent higher.

This means that during the second half Guinness could benefit to the tune of £70 million making a £100 million return for the full year. Close on £150 million must be on the cards for 1990.

In the longer term, even greater benefits will accrue from the French connection.

LVMH has stated its intention to build a cross-holding in Guinness to match the British group's stake. The first tranche issued to LVMH was priced at a healthy premium to the market. A similar exercise for the second tranche, roughly 100 million shares, would reduce Guinness's net cost substantially and sharply rate the rate of return on its LVMH investment.

On a prospective 1990 profit of £850 million, Guinness shares are trading on a single figure earnings multiple. For a company less troubled than most by the turmoils of the British economy, the shares look excellent value once the stock market has stablised after Wall Street's slump.



GILT-EDGED

A touch of reality will flatten the yield curve

It is difficult in Britain to talk about a "normal" yield curve. Investors world-wide tend to regard an upward sloping curve as the norm and this is usually the sort you see in the textbooks.

But, in Britain, it has tended to be downward sloping, with short rates having been higher than long rates for most of the 1980s. Occasionally it has moved to the "normal" shape, but these interludes have been infrequent. The last time it sloped upwards was in the spring last year when base rates at 7.5 per cent pulled short yields below those available on long-dated stock.

Base rates are now double and the familiar downward sloping, inverted, yield curve is back with a vengeance. Recently the extent of inversion has been the largest ever. But do not expect it to last. A flattening of the curve is expected in two contrasting stages – a rise in long yields and a fall in short yields. The bearish move to higher long yields will come first while the bullish side, the drop in short yields, may be delayed until well into next year. The move to higher long-dated yields has begun. Sterling's drop a week ago below DM3 was a signal to move from longs to short-dated gilts.

Until recently, pressure on sterling always threatened to push base rates higher. Policy was clear and, although the downside on sterling was limited, base rates were vulnerable. But, after the move to 15 per cent, higher base rates are no longer a policy option. More important, the economic case for higher rates is difficult in the absence of a sterling crisis. The danger is monetary overkill which may damage the economy without keeping the currency up.

Indeed, the downward pressure on sterling seems bound to persist. Even a marked improvement in the trade position next year could still leave the current account £15 billion in the red. The relative rate of growth in unit labour cost argues for a depreciation to restore lost competitiveness. The Bank of England's job is to manage it.

With higher base rates ruled out, the pressure on the currency will affect the long end as inflation worries worsen. But the catalyst for a further rise in long yields could be Mr Lawson's Mansion House speech on Thursday.

For the past 18 months, the long end has been dominated by the Bank's need to buy-in stock to match the fiscal surplus. The sums involved are huge – in the last financial year it bought in more than £8 billion of stock, about half of which was long-dated. The result has been a premium on long issues that has left yields divorced from economic reality.

But if the official buy-in programme is winding down, reality will reassert itself. The peak of the surplus has clearly passed and the only question now is the speed with which it shrinks. The risk is that, just as the build-up of the surplus in the last financial year was much faster than expected, the surplus might dwindle with the same surprising speed, especially given the growing pressures on public spending.

Should this be the case, the buy-in programme could effectively be over. A year ago, the Chancellor signalled the changing role of the Bank by cancelling an auction of gilts scheduled for the New Year. This time, it is a reverse auction that is expected early in 1990. Might that suffer the same fate?

It is not just the underlying fiscal arithmetic that threatens to bring an end to the Bank's need to buy gilts. There is the possibility that the funding guidelines might be changed as well. Currently, the objective is to fully "unfund" the fiscal surplus, allowing for any intervention in the foreign exchange markets. Any move to allow overfunding would hit gilts hard. The market was badly shaken in the early summer when it was reported that the Treasury was investigating overfunding.

Why should the Chancellor want to return to a policy he abandoned in 1985? It would reduce broad money growth and tighten the short end of the money markets. At a time when the Chancellor is being criticized for placing an excessive reliance on interest rate policy, it might be an attractive option. Indeed, the fact that the Bank has done little in gilts despite heavy intervention might be a sign of a policy change already.

This possible change in the Bank's operations makes Thursday's Mansion House speech crucial. Any hint that the need to buy stock was disappearing would leave gilts exposed to high and rising wage settlements, a record current account deficit and a vulnerable exchange rate. Even if there is the prospect of improvement in the coming year, long gilt yields are only so low because there has been a persistent and large buyer – the Bank.

The counter to this bearish view is that the rise in base rates will slow the economy – possibly dramatically – and improve the inflation outlook. This is true. And were yields at a realistic level, it would provide the foundation for a positive giltys view.

Indeed, even if we are wrong about our pessimistic outlook, a defensive switch shorter should not be a costly mistake. Some flattening of the yield curve looks inevitable and this implies that if we were unexpectedly to see a bull market, performance in the mediums could easily match that of the longer end itself. It would only need the yield curve to flatten by 20p between the mediums and the longs, for the mediums to match the performance of the longs on a 50p drop in yields on a 12-month view.

But it is difficult to construct a bull case for the remainder of this year. Long-dated gilt-edged yields are not at a realistic level, and the cold wind of reality is beginning to blow through the market. The longer end of the market offers poor value in absolute terms.

The rise in long-dated yields over the past week is only the beginning of the adjustment process.

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Survivors' guide to winners and losers

City cynics are fond of saying that when a broker urges you to buy a "defensive" stock, it means one that will fall less than the rest in bear markets.

Maybe, but the harsh reality of this morning's troubled markets is that whatever pain is to be shared will be spread unevenly.

This brief survivors' guide attempts to identify the winners and losers.

Shares clearly vulnerable if Friday's drama on Wall Street spreads to other markets will be those suffering from the ferocious squeeze on consumer spending and others which lack a cushion of income from economies currently faring better than our own.

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, last Friday delivered a robust kick to a sector which if not quite down is certainly on its knees. His admonition to banks over rising levels of lending to property companies was not new. But in investment, timing is everything.

Whether the banks do pull the plug on new lending or not, the City's perception today will be that it has become more rather than less likely. This is clearly a sector to avoid.

Sentiment is also against builders and contractors. Despite p/e ratios of five or six for well-managed housebuilders, bargain hunting is unlikely to reap rewards for a considerable time. Third-quarter housing starts were off 30 per cent. That was before the latest interest rate hike.

Among shares which might fare best will be BTR and Cookson, with the bulk of their income arising overseas. Shares with low or zero borrowings should have an easier ride today. Shell fits the bill. Glaxo has no borrowings and £1.3 billion in cash.

There are other healthcare shares not afflicted by consumer spending problems or economic trends in general. Favourites according to County NatWest and other brokers are Reckitt & Colman, Smith & Nephew and Smith-Kline Beecham.

Among relatively high yielders, the safe and solid utilities British Gas and British Telecom can be expected to fare well.

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Sony in $100m lawsuit with Warner Bros

In a battle over its entry into the US film industry, Sony USA and its new partners have jointly sued Warner Brothers for $100 million (£63.8 million).

Sony USA with Mr Peter Guber and Mr Jon Peters and their production companies – the Guber-Peters Entertainment Co and the Guber-Peters Co – have jointly filed a lawsuit against Warner Brothers in the California supreme court, alleging violation of contracts, illegal conduct and unfair competition.

Sony, the Japanese electronics and record company, announced on September 27 that it had agreed to buy Columbia Pictures for about $3.4 billion.

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Mobil

British Gas to change industrial price system

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas is to change its controversial system of tariffs for industrial customers.

The tariff structure has led to many companies paying more for gas than before, and to some companies wasting gas in order to move into a lower price band for big users.

The changes, which could lead to dramatic price reductions for many companies, have been agreed with Ofgas, the government watchdog body for the industry, on the basis of proposals submitted by Ofgas his year.

Ofgas had been inundated with complaints about the pricing system, which had been forced on British Gas by a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report.

Previously, British Gas had negotiated industrial prices individually and confidentially. This led some large users to argue that they were being unfairly treated. It was their complaints which resulted in the MMC investigation and recommendations.

However, many of the companies involved found that under the MMC-recommended system, they were moved into a band in the structure which resulted in them having to pay more than in the past.

The changes which British Gas will now introduce will include allowing large customers to add together their gas burn at different premises so that they can benefit from the cheaper tariffs for larger users. There will also be an increase in the number of bands within the structure.

Another significant change will allow energy management companies to aggregate the gas burn for client companies, in order to take advantage of the lower prices for large users.

Mr James McKinnon, director general of Ofgas, said the system introduced in May had led to a stream of complaints. "I had a duty to follow up those concerns with British Gas on behalf of the complainants. I held extensive discussions with the company to establish the most appropriate way of resolving the anomalies which were inherent in the published schedule.

"I am pleased that British Gas has responded positively and I hope the resultant changes will go a long way to satisfying the many aggrieved gas users. British Gas has had regard to the aspirations of its customers and I believe this to have been a very promising feature of the discussions on the changes. I will continue to take a strong interest in the operation of the price schedules and remain available to discuss with customers any difficulties."

PETER TRIEVNOR



On the alert: James McKinnon, the Ofgas director general, at home with his own watchdog at the weekend

GEC 'is ruled out of bid for Ferranti'

By Angela Mackay

Senior Ministry of Defence sources are sceptical that a bid by GEC for Ferranti International, the stricken defence electronics group, would be allowed – and they played down Daimler-Benz as its partner.

While Lord Weinstock, GEC's chairman, is known to be interested in buying Ferranti, GEC – through GEC Marconi – is already one of Ferranti's biggest competitors in electronic guidance.

"If Lord Weinstock cannot buy Ferranti then he will try to spoil it for others or at the very least go through the motions of mounting a bid to get valuable information," a merchant banker said yesterday.

"There is no way the MMC and the MoD would give the deal a nod and Siemens would certainly have something to say about it as well." GEC and Siemans, the West German group, have this year bid successfully for Plessey.

GEC already has a relationshp with Ferranti through Mr Sebastian Ferranti, who joined the board in 1982. The Ferranti family and its trustees, who hold about 1.8 per cent, are hostile to the present management and favour an outright bid.

This week Ferranti, led by Sir Derek Alun-Jones, its chairman, will devote one day to each of five potential merger partners. The presentation will include a summary of the report by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, into the £215 million hole in Ferranti's assets caused by bogus defence contracts at part of International Signal and Control, its US offshoot.

British Aerospace and Thomson-CSF, the French group, have formed a partnership to bid for Ferranti, and will meet the team on Tuesday. Others in the running include the US Martin Marietta and Westinghouse.

BAe/Thomson, the front runner with tacit MoD approval, today outlines the structure of Eurodynamics, its bid vehicle – a merger of the companies' missile businesses.

The new group will have annual sales of £1.4 billion, a workforce of 15,000 and about £100 million annual pre-tax profits.

BAe and Thomson have already retained Price Waterhouse, the accountant, to prepare a due diligence report into Ferranti's accounts. Peat Marwick, BAe's usual accountant, was ruled out because it is auditor to ISC in the US and Ferranti.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Lawson's menu for the Mansion House

On Thursday Nigel Lawson delivers the speech which some of the more naive of the City pundits seem to have expected him to deliver at the party conference.

This is his traditional half-yearly report on monetary policy to the annual dinner for the bankers and merchants of the City at the Mansion House.

Against the background of recent trade figures, the rise in interest rates and turmoil in the stock market, it is not going to be the most fun-filled 40 minutes of the year. Nor is Mr Lawson going to be able to tell the City squirearchy the one thing they most want to hear – that Britain is going to become a full member of the EMS.

Not only does he not have the Prime Minister's agreement, the difference between inflation rates in Britain and France and Germany is too wide to make membership a tolerable option at present.

Nevertheless, Mr Lawson will have to say something about the exchange rate which amounts to a bit more than his determination to defend it. There is, after all, a coherent argument, frequently repeated in the hearing of the Prime Minister, for setting interest rates purely on the basis of domestic economic conditions and sticking to them irrespective of what happens in foreign exchange markets.

The reasons for giving monetary policy an international dimension need to rehearsed once again and applied to the present situation.

The history of this summer, when all the indicators seemed to point to a severe slowdown in July which then mysteriously vanished in August, should be a good reason for caution about government ability to assess the temperature of the economy accurately and set an appropriate interest rate.

But it is clear in any case that, in the short term, movements in the pound do affect inflationary expectations and may therefore make the process of getting inflation under control more prolonged and more painful than it would otherwise be.

Mr Lawson would also do well to restate the case, which he touched upon in Blackpool, against credit controls as an alternative to interest rates. No matter how unimpressive the history of such controls in this country the interest in an alternative cure will not disappear at a time when the existing medicine is tasting so nasty. The revolution in thinking during the 1980s is surely well enough entrenched to make a convincing case for rationing credit by price in the market rather than by government rule-book.

While re-stating the importance of the exchange rate he will need to run over the ground on different measures of money. No one expects the Chancellor to back away from his attachment to M0 but recent events have given renewed credibility to broad measures of money which the Tim Congdon school believes pre-figured and pre-ordained the present inflationary upsurge.

As Britain has moved from broad money to narrow, the Bundesbank, with a much better counter-inflationary record, has moved in the opposite direction. As a footnote it would be interesting to hear the Chancellor's views on the more outré members of the monetarist menagerie such as Divisia indices and P Star, both of which have a good theoretical pedigree.

But the City is hoping for action as well as analysis. Funding policy is the most likely place to find it. Various City scribes have argued that at present it makes no sense to go on buying-in gilts on a huge scale which has the effect of artificially holding down long-term interest rates and relieving the corporate sector of some of the effects of the monetary squeeze.

It seems unlikely that the decision to abandon over-funding will be reversed in view of the distortions which it imposed on the economy and the technical problems it produced. But possibly, other changes with some of the same effects could be considered.

Adam Bennett of Shearson Lehman has suggested that if the full funding policy were targeted on M5 the required buyback would be reduced without any formal change in funding policy and an effective monetary tightening achieved.

Mr Lawson's other task is to look beyond the walls of the City and develop his thinking on the short-term outlook for the economy on which a new Treasury forecast is now being prepared. In the course of a week the catch-phrase of the moment among the City scribblers has switched from soft landing to hard landing.

The Chancellor's response has been that he never promised either a hard or a soft landing and that whether interest rates of 15 per cent and the expected steep fall in share prices lead to recession or not depends mainly on the level of pay settlements in industry. The supply side reforms of the Thatcher years are now undergoing their biggest test. The US has escaped recession in the course of bringing down inflation largely because its traditionally flexible system of employment has enabled unit labour costs to respond rapidly to changing economic circumstances.

In a different way the bonus system employed in Japan has likewise enabled firms in that country to respond flexibly to changing conditions. As the monetary squeeze bites we shall find out whether employers and employees have learned the lesson in this country and can quickly adapt. The omens are not altogether hopeful.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

End stamp duty, says Institute

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Government should end the effective double taxation of property and shares by abolishing stamp duty on share dealings and house sales in the next Budget, the free market Adam Smith Institute urges in a report out today.

It warns that Britain's high levels of stamp duty on share transactions compared with those of its European rivals, could make the City slip behind as a world financial centre.

The report's author, Mr Nicholas Gibb, a tax specialist with Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, points out that the London Stock Exchange fell from third place in 1987 to fifth place last year in terms of the volume of equity dealing.

Stamp duty accounts for some 0.5 per cent of Government revenue.

AMP's Pearl bid 'supported by Australian government'

By David Brewerton

The Australian Mutual Provident Society is being actively encouraged by the Australian government in its pursuit of Pearl Group, the British insurance company for which it has made a £1.1 billion hostile bid.

Mr Ian Salmon, chief general manager of AMP International, said the government wished to see more global businesses based in Australia. AMP is already Australia's largest insurance group.

"Our government has given us a lot of encouragement in this, but only verbally," Mr Salmon said.

"They have told us, 'Go to it, there is no exchange control. If you can do it and you've got the resources, go to it'."

AMP has already concluded that, with 30 per cent of the life insurance and superannuation markets in Australia, it needs to expand overseas. It has assets of Aus$35 billion (£17.26 million).

The board of AMP, chaired by Mr David Anderson, sees a takeover of Pearl as an entry ticket for Europe beyond 1992, when identical products are expected to be sold by companies throughout the European Community.

AMP believes it is better to buy a major company within Europe than to attack the market from outside, although it already has a substantial business in Britain following the controversial acquisition of London Life earlier this year.



Salmon: AMP to expand

The offer document for Pearl, containing details of a bid of 605p a share, has been distributed and the market is waiting for Pearl's defence this week. The market regards the AMP offer as a "sighting shot".

The defence is likely to concentrate on the "embedded value" within Pearl, in that profits flow from insurance contracts over many years, but can be counted only when they arise.

AMP is a mutual company and has no need to consult its policyholders on the bid, although its actions would be open to challenge should it be considered that it overpaid for Pearl.

Minister to offer Russian credit boost

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Lord Trefgarne, the Trade Minister, will this week seek to interest Moscow in a large increase in credit from Britain as a way of boosting Anglo-Soviet trade and supporting President Gorbachov's economic reforms.

The extra credit would come from a commodity fund, probably based on supplies of Soviet oil and natural gas. It could double the amount of credit available from British institutions to £2 billion.

The Russians have failed to use a large part of the huge lines of credit established with British and European banks, but Lord Trefgarne is hoping that they will change their mind.

Despite political backing at the highest level for closer economic links, trade between the two countries has been disappointing.

Lord Trefgarne, who flies to Moscow today at the head of a delegation to a session of the UK-USSR Joint Commission, said that the level of trade failed to reflect the size and scope of the two economies.

In the first eight months of this year, imports from the Soviet Union totalled £537 million, some £47 million higher than during the same period last year.

British exports also rose by nearly £40 million in the period, but only totalled £376 million, widening the deficit on Anglo-Soviet trade to £161 million from £53 million.

Lord Trefgarne saw no inconsistency in seeking more balanced trade from the Russians while the Government has dismissed the suggestion that Britain's overall trade deficit is of no serious consequence.

He drew attention to the fact that the Soviet Union is still a state trading nation for all the *perestroika* reforms. To overcome their economic problems, the Russians would have to increase imports from the West, especially of the type of goods Britain produces, Lord Trefgarne stressed.

Bigger pool for Hemsley

Oliver Hemsley, aged 27, the former Lloyd's marine insurance underwriter, who launched his own private-client broking firm, Hemsley & Co, in May last year, is, merging it with the independent partnership of Raphael, Zorn from today. And while Raphael's senior partner, Graham Laing, will become chairman of the new group – to be called Raphael, Zorn Hemsley Ltd – Hemsley will be its managing director. RZH will be capitalized at £2.25 million with £400 million of funds under management – £5 million of which have come from Hemsley. "We will be moving into Raphael's offices in Throgmorton Avenue and the whole deal has been structured on a 50:50 basis, both in terms of equity and board representation," Hemsley says. "We will have access to their large client base and it gives them younger management. And almost everybody in the company will have a share stake." As part of the restructuring, two of Hemsley's original shareholders, Michael Rosenberg and Michael Sinclair, are to become directors. Rosenberg – a corporate finance director at Samuel Montagu in the 1970s before becoming a successful businessman involved in several joint ventures with David Frost – will be stepping back into his corporate finance shoes. "He is going to be building up and running our corporate finance business full-time," says Hemsley.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Mr President regrets . . .

The latest in a series of mergers between corporate finance cognoscenti took place on Saturday without the presence of President George Bush when Anthony Goodrich, who runs Riggs AP Bank's fledgeling corporate finance department, married Jeanette Sprague, an assistant director of broker Phillips & Drew. Riggs is perhaps best known for being the private banker to the American president, who sadly, was unable to attend the ceremony in Great Durnford, Wiltshire. However, there were a number of well-known investment bankers on both sides of the church with Roger Devlin, head of mergers and acquisitions at Hill Samuel, the best man, and Nick Wells, formerly with County NatWest, acting as an usher. Anthony Beevor, the director general of the Takeover Panel was also present and on the bride's side were her boss Stephen Brisby, head of corporate finance at Phillips & Drew and her former boss, Alistair Defriez, a director of SG Warburg.

A City guide to useful excuses

Researchers have compiled a list of the most commonly-used excuses used to fob off unwelcome telephone callers in the City. "It's one of those meetings that goes on forever," (it finished an hour ago and he has gone home). "I'm afraid he's had to fly to our New York office," (you are the person he met at that party and he has given me strict instructions not to put you through). "What a shame, you've just missed him," (he is doing frantic sign language at me from the other side of the office). "He left for your office about 20 minutes ago," (he forgot and is madly putting on his jacket now). "He had to see a client immediately after lunch," (he is not back from the pub yet).

Personal service for Bondy

Poor Aussie entrepreneur Alan Bond is now the star of a minor work of fiction being recounted in brokers' bars all over Melbourne. It goes something like this: "Alan Bond recently went to church to pray for a solution to his cash-flow problems. When he got there he was somewhat distracted to find a down-and-out in the next pew, reciting all his problems and praying for deliverance. Bondy listened for a while, then pulled a Aus$100 note from his wallet and gave it to the unfortunate man, who ran off crying with thanks. It was only then that Bondy knelt down and said: "Lord, now that I have your undivided attention . . . ."

Not Green about cash

The making of a tycoon clearly starts at a very young age. *The New Tycoons*, a book by financial journalists Judi Bevan and John Jay, to be published next week, profiles 13 individuals who have "changed the image of the businessman." And the chapter on Michael Green, aged 42, whose personal stake in his *media group Carlton Communications* is worth £50 million, reveals that his parents, determined to educate him about the proper value of money, gave him his first bank account at about the age of 10. "Each year they would give me a set amount of money – it was not very much – and I was told that was all I was getting," recalls Green, whose elder brother David runs the upper-crust interior design and soft furnishings company Colefax & Fowler. "I could spend it in a week but it had to last me a year. From that I learned about budgeting and I always did manage to keep some money in the bank and I never asked for more." A close friend confirmed this, adding: "Michael could read a balance sheet when he was 12."

● For all the high-tech efficiency of the Japanese, the London office of Nikko Securities, has sent out invitations to a concert in the Barbican in early November, in celebration of both the 800th anniversary of the City of London and Nikko's 25th year within it. The self-addressed envelope enclosed carries a 19p stamp . . .

Carol Leonard

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EC tax move likely to cause fall in UK fuel sales

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Petrol price rises in Britain in the 1990s caused by the equalization of tax with the rest of Europe are likely to make it the only community country with a fall in sales.

Figures produced by DRI/McGraw Hill, the energy specialist, suggest that in the 1990s there will be continuing steady increases in petrol demand throughout Europe for passenger transport with the largest rise taking place in France, Italy, Spain and Greece. However, in Britain, price increases due to European Community tax harmonization measures are expected to send prices upwards and lead to a slight fall in demand during 1992 and 1993.

The report says that demand for fuel for cars will rise steadily until the end of the century.

Until 1993 this will be caused by deteriorating fuel efficiency in engines and traffic growth, but after 1993 growth will be entirely due to increased traffic as engine consumption figures improve. The prospect of poorer demand in Britain than elsewhere in Europe comes at a time when the leading oil companies have submitted evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which shows that profits on refining oil into petrol and marketing it on the forecourts could be lower than previous estimates.

Jet, the retailing arm of Conoco, said: "Major companies can currently have a return on their retail marketing investment as low as 5 per cent – less than you would get from a building society. This has been the case for some years.

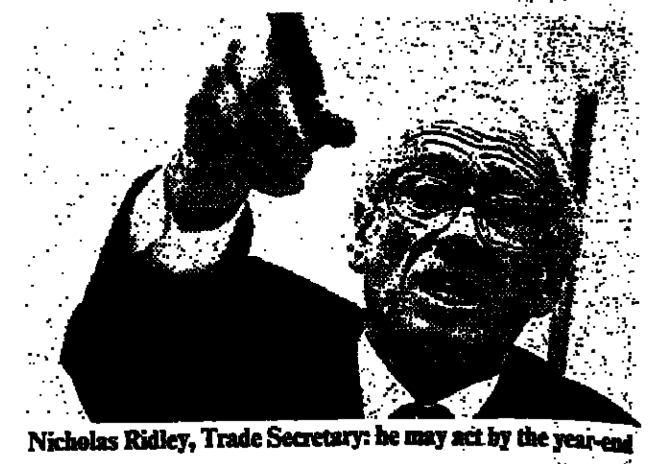
"Furthermore, the development of modern retailing has called for considerable new investment to add further non-petrol facilities on service stations to support the margins they achieve from selling fuel.

"A long-established major player with vast resources tied up in petrol marketing and the long-term disposal of its product to consider has little option but to stay in the market and strive to improve its performance." Figures submitted to the MMC show that in real terms petrol prices in Britain, less excise duty and VAT, are two-thirds what they were in 1976 and at their lowest for 15 years. The total price is also lower than in most European countries.

The MMC is due to complete its report into petrol retailing by November 7 and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, is expected to act on any recommendations it makes by the end of the year.

There are expectations that he will order changes to the contract system operated between the oil companies and retail chains, but he is likely to stop short of ordering some companies to reduce the number of company-owned filling-stations.

The main companies are to be interviewed by the MMC again during the next two weeks to answer new points it has raised, but the industry estimates it has already spent £10 million in meeting MMC demands for detailed information about the petrol retailing business.



Nicholas Ridley, Trade Secretary: he may act by the year-end

USM REVIEW

Travelling businessmen at Regal Hotels will have room with a view to work

Rivoli Cinemas, a fully-quoted shell company which has survived quietly on the main market with one bingo hall in Oswestry, Shropshire, and 2.18 million shares in Granada, will soon spring to life on the USM with a new name, a new business and new management.

The company has been reversed into by Regal Hotel Group – founded in April 1986 by Mr Malcolm Gold, its managing director – which has five three-star hotels at Carlisle, Glasgow, North and South Yorkshire, and Hove in Sussex.

The merged company is having to step down to the USM because Regal has only been trading for two-and-a-half years. It will be 40 per cent owned by its new management, with Mr Gold personally owning 36 per cent, and has a net asset value of £23 million. The existing shares have been placed at 158p. Rivoli's shares in Granada were placed in the stock market on Thursday.

The merger of Regal with Rivoli – with the new company being called Regal Hotel Group – is due to be approved at an extraordinary meeting of Rivoli's shareholders on November 6, with the Stock Exchange expected to sanction the beginning of dealings on the USM three or four days later.

Its non-executive chairman will be Mr George Hill, once chief executive and then chairman of British Transport Hotels, and also a former director of Bass Charrington, now Bass UK.

Regal has just exchanged contracts on a site adjacent to the M1 and M25 intersection in Watford, Hertfordshire, where it plans to build a 70-bedroom "travel" hotel – the first of several.

"We want to expand both organically and by acquisition, but the speed at which we do so depends on forces we cannot control such as interest rates," says Mr Michael Lerman, Regal's finance director.



Malcolm Gold: he will own 36 per cent

"We have, until now, concentrated on the conference market, with the travelling businessman in mind. And we will fill the hotels with tours during the quiet periods, such as weekends."

Regal has so far made a point of restricting itself to the three-star market and future hotels will also be in the three- to four-star range.

"Five star hotels are a different ball game," says Mr Lerman. "And with a downturn in the economy expected, we think companies won't want to spend too much on executives rushing around the country."

The company is also planning to develop a range of hotels "close to Britain's main transport routes, and of a better quality than what is available already."

Travel hotels will provide businessmen with a comfortable room and a desk to work at – at a more reasonable price.

BTS progress continues

Progress continues at BTS Group, the erstwhile loss-making tyre remoulding business based in Birmingham. In August, it unveiled an increase in pre-tax profits for the full year from £88,000 to £214,000 and in the past 10 months it has not only turned round the original business but also bought two office service companies which change the direction of the group.

"BTS directors are expected to sell its old tyre business then build the group to such a size that it can take advantage of the fragmentation in the office services industry.

"We want to diversify into office services rather than office equipment," said Mr Michael Scorey, chairman, who joined the company at the end of 1988 as part of a management buyin. "We want to stay away from three areas that we think people are inclined to come unstuck in – pure equipment sales like distributing computers or photocopiers, attempting to develop our own hardware, or developing software. By concentrating on services it means that we can sell equipment on the back of it, but we are not in direct competition with people who sell equipment at the lowest possible price."

Mr Scorey said BTS wanted to offer its customers value-added services and then a recurring revenue service. "The office services industry is huge. If we had just one per cent of the world wide market we would be the same size as Hanson Trust," he said.

Carol Leonard

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1989 High Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
28.7m	ASD	98	●+3	4.4	4.6	8.5
7,170,000	ATA Selection	80	●-6	3.1	5.2	13.6
11.2m	Aberdeen Pet	17	+1	..	..	..
8,120,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	81	●-2	2.0	3.9	9.4
23.2m	Acal	170	-3	5.4	3.2	10.8
15.9m	Acorn Comp	24	-1	..	..	14.2
79.2m	Acsis Group	66	r-4	0.8	1.2	20.4
8,719,000	Airsprung	95	-15	7.3	7.7	5.0
13.7m	Alan Paul	153	-15	3.3	2.2	18.4
22.1m	Allen	99	-10	5.6	5.7	7.7
4,547,000	Allied Ins	137	-5	3.3	2.4	28.8
8,339,000	Ald Restaurants	64	-8	2.1	3.3	11.4
3,220,000	Ashberley Gp	50	-3	2.0	4.0	9.2
60.5m	Aztec Bus Sys	161	-4	2.7	1.7	11.8
27.1m	Anglo Pac Res	35	-3	..	..	37.2
3,750,000	Apollo Watch Prods	20	-2½	0.6	3.0	14.1
43.3m	App Holographics	290	-5	..	..	..
48.6m	Ashtead	270	●-17	3.3	1.2	11.7
52.7m	Aspen Comms	420	●-5	9.2b	2.2	13.5
310.3m	Asprey	390	-35	4.8	1.2	25.4
2,355,000	Assoc Energy	34	..	..	..	..
9,485,000	Assoc Nursing	174	●-8	2.7	1.6	12.3
18.2m	Atlantic Sec	90	..	..	..	..
37.3m	Atlas Equipment	482	-18	15.3	3.3	17.8
4,945,000	Audit General	14	-2	0.4	2.9	11.0
3,575,000	Automagic	103	-1	8.7	8.4	12.9
3,312,000	BBB Design	40	-3	2.3	5.8	9.3
3,638,000	BCE	13	-4	0.5	3.8	..
25.6m	BLP Group	67	●-7	5.1	7.6	7.7
4,367,000	BTS Grp	66	-10	0.7	1.1	15.9
17.5m	BWD	102	..	3.3	3.2	18.5
19.2m	Bearverco	220	-10	10.0	4.5	9.1
4,038,000	Berford (William)	85	-10	1.3	1.5	24.3
9,098,000	Bensons Crisps	121	-7	2.5	2.1	14.7
3,890,000	Berry Birch & Noble	62	..	..	..	..
16.5m	Better Cons Prods	165	-15	7.9	4.8	31.7
4,131,000	Bistona&Battersea	98	● ..	5.9	6.0	21.1
6,388,000	Bio Isolates	33	-15	..	..	47.1
24.5m	Birmec Inds	39	-2½	..	..	35.8
6,467,000	Blanchards	68	..	..	..	..
4,018,000	Bletchley Motors	135	..	10.0	7.4	11.3
148.3m	Blenheim Exhib	880	r-30	12.8	1.5	34.2
18.0m	Bluebird Toys	230	-15	9.0	3.9	10.1
6,668,000	Border TV	55	●-4	2.7	4.9	13.4
70.4m	Borland	593	..	..	..	..
12.2m	Bosmore Ind	113	-18	6.9	6.1	..
6,129,000	Brewmaker	10	r-1	..	..	25.0
5,097,000	Br Bloodstock	140	..	11.7	8.4	13.9
14.7m	Br Island	82	-2	0.3	0.4	..
12.8m	Broad St	31½	-4	2.0	8.3	7.5
44.3m	Broadwell Land	173	-38	8.7	3.9	9.1
20.9m	Brompton Hldgs	118	-8	..	..	82.3
15.8m	Buis Resources	4	-¼	..	..	2.9
25.0m	Business Tech	178	-11	4.3	2.4	11.4
4,795,000	CCS Gp	43	..	0.5	1.2	..
34.2m	CML Micro	198	-5	2.4	1.2	16.3
8,684,000	CPU Comp	50	..	..	..	11.5
2,848,000	Caledonian	50	..	..	..	..
17.8m	Campbell & Arm	125	-9	8.8	5.3	7.1
16.0m	Cap & Regional	133	●-10	0.9	0.7	25.1
13.8m	Capita Gp	161	●-9	1.1	0.7	..
4,218,000	Carron Phoenix	37	-33	5.3	14.3	3.7
2,970,000	Cassidy Bros	55	-3	4.1	7.5	8.8
20.8m	Castle Comm	438	-27	10.3	2.4	28.0
11.8m	Central Motor	116	..	4.0	3.4	14.8
14.4m	Chelsea Man	133	-27	3.3	2.5	14.5
8,966,000	Chestergate Gp	75	-9	7.1	9.5	4.7
11.1m	Chieftain Group	136	● ..	3.7	2.7	14.9
6,638,000	Circaprint	105	-8	3.2	3.0	7.5
12.1m	City & West	3¼	-½	..	..	..
19.0m	Citygate	128	-23	7.5	5.9	6.8
1,424,000	Citygate CP	140	-10	1.2	0.9	..
6,541,000	City of Lon	85	-7	3.0	3.5	12.5
136.5m	Cityvision	123	●-8	0.7	0.6	30.5
19.9m	Clarke Hooper	133	-7	5.2	3.9	9.0
8,995,000	Clogau Gold	7	-7½	..	..	..
36.7m	Cluff Resources	79	+6	..	..	..
4,708,000	Coated Electrodes	38	..	..	● ..	..
0,311.0m	Colorgen Inc	21	-2	..	..	..
22.8m	Colorgraphic	234	●-3	7.9	3.4	16.2
28.1m	Colourvision	130	-6	6.1	4.7	11.2
13.5m	Co of Designers	78	-3	4.9	8.3	8.2
3,210,000	Comac	50	-1	..	..	..
26.6m	Conroy Pet	73	+11	..	..	..
7,173,000	Cont Microwave	135	●-10	4.2	3.1	40.9
17.0m	Cook (DC)	71	-4	1.8	2.5	..
8,818,000	Copymore	61	-7	3.3	5.4	5.6
19.4m	Corton Bch	48	-9	0.8	1.7	6.0
14.5m	Crampham	503	-5	8.3	1.7	21.6
4,938,000	Cranbrook	50	+2	1.7	3.4	15.3
8,394,000	Cranswick	98	-8	7.4	8.0	14.3
2,917,000	Craton Lodge	50	..	..	..	..
7,474,000	Creighton Nat	163	-30	7.5	4.6	10.1
5,397,000	Crossroads Oil Gp	18½	+½	..	..	..
67.2m	Crown Com	257	-10	4.0	1.8	24.1
6,833,000	Davies (DY)	118	●-7	6.7	5.7	8.3
25.7m	Dean & Bowes	189	●-4	7.7	4.1	18.9
4,930,000	Delmar	70	..	..	..	14.1
9,361,000	Densems Elec	217	-12	6.3	2.9	8.6
58.8m	Dewey Warren	113	-1	..	..	25.9
14.4m	Diamond Gp	75	-10	1.5	2.0	..
19.9m	Dolphin Packaging	109	●-5	4.3	4.2	17.9
35.4m	Druck	569	..	9.9	1.8	15.1
3,221,000	Dunton	25½	-2	1.3	5.1	7.2
6,415,000	Dudley Jenkins	113	-5	4.0	3.5	15.1
10.8m	Durham (DG)	55	-5	2.7	4.9	..
5,273,000	EW Fact	105	●-8	4.0	3.8	10.6
18.8m	Eadie	66	-7	2.8	4.2	27.5
14.1m	Econ Forestry	93	-7	4.3	4.6	13.9
3,058,000	Edin Oil & Gas	23	..	..	● ..	..
38.5m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	189	-13	9.0	4.8	16.2
24.8m	Electron House	138	●-7	7.5	5.4	8.0
19.0m	Elwin	121	●-14	7.3	6.0	11.7
23.1m	Eve Group	247	-35	9.3	3.8	4.8
12.3m	Expedier Leisure	102	-5	..	..	27.6
40.8m	Exploration Hldgs	37½	s-1½	..	..	..
18.9m	Farnaven Ind	13¼	+¾	..	..	..
9,207,000	Fairway London	68	-8	2.0	3.2	22.3
19.9m	Farepak	183	..	2.1	1.1	13.8
10.4m	Feupol	133	..	6.5	4.8	10.2
3,467,000	Feedback	41	-5	..	..	24.1
1,125,000	Ferrin Mining	45	..	..	..	..
12.2m	Fergebrook	10	-1½	..	..	..
12.8m	Ferrari	6	-¼	..	..	..
30.0m	Fields (Mrs)	20	+1	..	..	..
4,304,000	Filofax	30	●-8	4.5	15.3	2.8
——	Firstland	23	+1	..	..	..
19.3m	Flextech	87	-2	..	..	..
53.8m	Flogas	275	+60	..	..	..
24.1m	Floyd Energy	23	-¼	..	..	59.0
55.2m	Ford Seller	128	●-18	6.7	8.3	4.8
8,516,000	Forward Gp	90	-15	4.1	4.6	7.2
17.3m	Freeman Gp	205	-28	8.7	3.3	13.0
18.5m	French Conn	98	-2	7.0	7.1	..
80.8m	Fuller Smith 'A'	403	-2	5.9	1.5	20.5
20.8m	GWR Gp	695	-20	4.0	0.6	16.2
2,834,000	GC Flooring	30	-1	2.8	9.3	24.2
8,814,000	Gabbicci	76	●-4	5.3	7.0	7.8
24.5m	Gardner (DC)	193	●-3	4.4	2.3	16.8
9,970,000	Gibbon Lyons	143	-15	6.8	4.8	12.4
18.8m	Gibbs Mew	305	-10	6.7	2.2	10.4
13.9m	Global Gp	28	-3	..	..	14.9
48,000	Godwin Warren	1	..	..	..	..
24.0m	Great Southern	205	●-5	9.7	4.7	13.9
20.7m	Green (Ernest)	282	-15	8.3	3.2	10.5
8,805,000	Green (John)	98	-2	3.9	4.0	11.3
1,820,000	Greenwich Comms	28	-1	..	..	..
10.0m	Goldshouse	45	-1	1.9	4.2	16.5
9,160,000	Hadleigh Inds	183	-10	6.0	3.3	13.9
28.5m	Halls Homes	110	●-3	6.0	7.3	8.1
11.6m	Hampden Homecare	78	● ..	2.7	3.5	8.8
14.7m	Handley Walker	231	-17	8.8	3.8	16.4
12.7m	Harmony Leisure	48	+1	0.2	0.4	..
15.6m	Hatfield Estates	185	-5	4.0	2.2	9.0
100.5m	Hawthorn Leslie	58	●-2½	0.6	1.1	39.2
15.5m	Headland Gp	43	..	..	..	17.3
6,047,000	Heavitree	212	+½	19.5	1.8	27.8
11.1m	Do 'A' LV	211½	-¼	19.5	1.7	25.8
9,137,000	Hewetson	133	-8	5.1	3.8	9.8
5,795,000	Hey & Croft	48	-7	3.8	7.9	3.8
84.6m	Highland Part	178	●-21	5.3	3.0	47.8
6,638,000	Hobson	22	-3	1.0	4.5	17.5
4,140,000	Holders Tech	138	-2	8.0	5.8	10.1
6,983,000	Honeysuckle Gp	86	+6	7.5	8.7	6.7
17.8m	Hornby	220	-18	7.0	3.2	10.8
28.4m	Hughes Food	36	●-5	2.3	6.4	6.9
34.1m	Hughes (HT)	157	-2	3.3	2.4	30.4
8,469,000	Hurdleigh Tech	100	●-5	1.3	1.3	18.0
4,271,000	INSTEM	95	-5	3.3	3.5	8.4
19.7m	Ibex Hldgs	146	●-7	5.1	3.5	..
1,080,000	Image Storage	50	-5	..	..	..
4,012,000	Imtec	3¾	-¼	..	..	..
38.1m	Inoco	28	-3	0.3f	1.1	17.2
25.6m	Interlink Express	158	●-22	10.7	6.8	9.8
2,089,000	Intl Media	6½	-4½	..	..	..
17.1m	JLI Group	93	-3	..	..	13.3
12.8m	JMD Group	28	-4	..	..	8.5
29.7m	Jacques Vert	315	-6	12.3	3.9	9.0
4,475,000	Just Rubber	65	-7	3.3	5.1	8.2
19.4m	Kenstars Res	42½	-2	..	..	..
21.6m	Kewill Systems	330	-30	4.0	1.2	16.7
7,814,000	Klark-Teknik	49	+1	1.7	3.5	12.8
38.2m	Kunick	63½	r-3½	2.6	4.7	14.6
6,765,000	LPA Ind	77	-5	4.1	5.3	15.1
9,214,000	Lamont	163	●-4	12.7	7.8	..
16.4m	LBMS Plc	135	-3	2.7	2.0	17.1
10.2m	Lincat	151	-7	6.1	4.0	12.2
5,809,000	Lincoln Hse	60	-7	..	..	..
35.5m	Lodge Care	187	+4	3.7	2.2	70.5
8,348,000	Lon & Clydeside	92	-6	7.6	8.3	8.9
97.0m	Lon Forfaiting	97	-6	9.7	10.0	6.1
13.9m	MMT Comp	135	-8	2.5	1.9	13.6
21.8m	MTL Instruments	125	●-3	2.7	2.2	14.7
11.5m	Magnetic Materials	65	●+4	4.0	6.2	15.5
3,347,000	Mainmet	64	●-6	2.5	3.9	17.8
8,053,000	March Gp	36	..	..b	..	..
75.9m	Marina Dev	455	●-12	10.0	2.2	23.1
29.3m	Marylebone	59	●-3	4.3	7.3	8.6
2,580,000	Maxiprint	16	-3	..	..	..
10.8m	Mayborn	58	●-2	5.1	9.1	6.9
5,048,000	Memory Comp	13	-1½	..	..	..
43.6m	Menvier-Swain	375	..	6.9	1.8	18.4
10.9m	Merchant Mard Est	41	● ..	4.0	9.8	3.8
21.8m	Merrydown Wine	413	s-7	7.7	1.9	21.0
11.1m	Metal Bulletin	128	-2	7.4	5.8	14.1
25.9m	Metsec	203	r-3	8.7	2.9	14.8
17.5m	Microtec	170	-13	4.4n	2.6	16.6
8,149,000	Microvitec	30	-3	2.3	7.7	7.3
22.5m	Midland Scot Res	141	+3	..	..	..
4,214,000	Miolo Gp	53	-5	..	..	7.1
113.6m	Mays	369	-31	8.4	1.7	15.7
13.6m	Monks & Crane	78	-2	8.1	8.7	10.4
7,358,000	Morris Ashby	90	-13	6.5	6.1	8.1
38.5m	Movell	44	●-4	1.6	3.6	7.7
16.5m	Masterlin	175	r-6	5.3	3.0	14.9
20.2m	New England Props	20¼	-5	0.4	2.0	15.8
300,000	Do 10%	£100	..	1000	10.0	..
51.8m	Norfolk House	216	-14	5.0	2.3	12.2
2,148,000	Norbain	31	●-4	0.9	2.9	34.4
8,038,000	Northumbrian Fine	55	-3	2.0	3.6	..
2,202,000	Optometrics	22	-1	..	..	..
1,714,000	Orchid Tech	33	●-5	..	..	..
12.0m	Osborne & Little	170	-10	7.7	4.5	8.1
6,879,000	PCT	156	●-2	7.1	4.6	11.1
10.5m	PML	24	-1	1.3e	5.4	12.1
3,955,000	Pacer Systems	73	-8	..	..	..
55.5m	Parkway	125	..	4.3	3.4	8.3
3,461,000	Pathfinders	14½	-½	0.9	6.2	10.6
1,898,000	Peyton	2½	..	..	..	..
22.2m	Pegasus	367	-13	11.5	2.9	16.9
80.6m	Pepe Group	305	-30	6.0	2.6	9.8
2,250,000	Perlcom	30	-3	..	..	..
71.8m	Perkins Foods	98	●-4	3.5	3.5	29.7
12.3m	Peters (Michael)	93	●-5	4.9	5.3	8.4
1,660,000	Petrogen	7¼	-¼	..	..	..
39.0m	Pict Pet	195	-3	..	..	..
5,428,000	Plasmec	119	●-8	6.0	5.1	10.2
4,993,000	Piston	69	+1	..	..	..
18.2m	Porth Gp	105	●-1	3.5	3.3	10.0
9,575,000	Porvair	78	●-5	3.6	4.6	6.3
6,228,000	Prism Leisure	158	-5	6.0	3.8	17.9
19.1m	Property Trust	2½	-½	..	..	62.5
60.4m	Pulon	303	●-22	1.6	0.5	29.1
17.0m	Quarto	178	-1	6.0	3.4	12.4
26.1m	Quillpotts	90	-8	0.2	0.2	15.8
1,978,000	R & V Info	25	..	..	..	..
71.0m	RKF	143	●+18	5.0	3.5	25.8
11.2m	Radio City 'A'	510	-10	12.0	2.4	20.2
22.1m	Radio Clyde	350	-5	9.0	2.6	21.2
19.3m	Radius	71	-2	3.5	4.9	8.7
6,905,000	Ramco Oil	41	-2	..	..	18.2
5,844,000	Ramus	150	-5	10.0	6.7	11.3
11.7m	Rathbone Bros	183	●-3	7.6	4.1	11.9
2,820,000	Real Time Control	38	+1	..	..	25.7
7,584,000	Regina Health	34	-5	0.7	2.1	13.4
14.8m	Reliance Sec	144	-8	7.7	5.3	12.2
21.8m	Reliant Gp	32	-2	0.7	2.2	26.4
41.0m	Resort Hotels	21	..	0.7	3.3	13.0
12.8m	Riva	108	..	2.7	2.5	..
41.0m	Resort Hotels	21	..	0.7n	3.3	13.0
16.0m	Rockwood	60	●-8	1.2	2.0	11.8
6,475,000	Rolfe & Nolan	248	-2	7.5	3.0	13.8
16.8m	Roskel	128	-5	4.0	3.2	10.9
22.7m	RPS Group	200	●-8	3.2	1.6	30.1
22.6m	SAC	115	+5	5.3	4.6	13.4
10.7m	SEP Ind	31	-4	1.1	3.5	13.5
3,000,000	SPS Consultancy	60	..	..	..	12.8
3,300,000	Sancell	132	..	5.9	4.5	13.1
7,812,000	Sanders Sidney	170	-4	8.2	5.4	14.5
23.9m	Sanderson Elect	285	-17	4.0	1.4	21.0
31.5m	Savage	84	-14	4.7	5.6	9.2
67.3m	Scot Heritable	144	●-8	8.7	6.0	7.3
10.2m	Sec Archives	183	-2	8.7	4.1	14.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	114	-7	4.7	4.1	8.4
27.4m	Serif Cowells	111	-8	8.0	7.2	6.3
9,975,000	Severfield-Reeve	105	●-7	4.0	3.8	11.0
3,824,000	Sharp & Law	40	..	4.2f	10.5	..
4,242,000	Sheldon Jones	82	-6	6.2f	7.8	13.7
3,150,000	Shelton (Martin)	93	-3	2.7	4.3	11.5
8,580,000	Sherif Hldgs	165	..	2.0	1.2	13.3
5,904,000	Sherwood Comp	115	●-2	1.8	0.5	..
58.7m	Sherwood Group	395	-35	8.3	2.3	10.5
8,458,000	Sinorca	220	●-2	6.0	2.7	15.2
64.4m	Sims Food	298	-2	11.5	3.9	15.4
5,100,000	Soundtracks	51	-4	3.1	6.1	9.6
122.2m	Sthn Bus	487	-15	8.9	1.6	12.5
13.9m	SW Resources	5¼	-½	..	..	..
30.4m	Spandex	290	..	6.7	2.0	11.5
5,104,000	Specialeyes	35	●-11	2.5	7.1	8.0
4,871,000	Spectrum	27	-1	..	..	20.9
6,286,000	Spice	23	-2	1.1	4.8	..
3,895,000	Stainless Metal	66	-10	..	..	..
33.9m	Stanco Grdn	27	-5	1.2	4.8	10.4
284.0m	Stanhope Props	159	-29	0.1	0.1	14.7
32.9m	Sterling Pub	151	-2	6.0	4.0	14.7
13.4m	Sunleigh Elect	64	●-6	2.5	3.9	7.5
12.0m	Sunset & Vine	280	r-2	2.0	0.8	24.4
33.7m	Sutherland	67	-2	2.0	3.0	18.8
8,868,000	Synapse Comp	243	-6	4.5	1.9	11.4
3,150,000	TDS Circuits	35	-1	..	..	..
9,965,000	TLS Range	59	-2	3.6	6.1	11.3
21.4m	TMD Advert	255	-3	4.0	1.6	19.8
130.2m	TV-am	195	●-7	9.3	4.7	10.5
4,780,000	Telecomputing	100	+6	..	..	..
4,132,000	Telford Gp	12	-1	..	..	..
18.1m	Teredo	10½	..	..	..	..
8,562,000	Tern Plc	15	-3	..	..	9.2
9,115,000	Thornton Off	140	-15	6.0	4.3	10.8
5,299,000	Thorpac Gp	33	-3	1.6	4.8	12.2
6,280,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	115	-6	6.4	5.5	9.2
5,678,000	Tison	80	-5	3.5	4.5	8.5
8,818,000	Tower Hire	70	-5	2.1	3.0	..
2,500,000	Total Systems	25	-1	1.0	4.0	40.4
8,236,000	Tranatop Hldgs	61	-4	2.7	4.4	14.1
38.5m	Tramwood	44½	..	2.0	4.5	13.9
59.4m	Transworld	541	-27	13.3	2.5	25.4
12.9m	Treatt	138	+2	2.7	2.0	17.5
45.7m	Trencherwood	183	-27	7.1	3.9	4.5
9,085,000	Trevian Hldgs	98	●-1	4.0	4.1	9.1
38.6m	Trilion	67	-1	..	..	..
10.2m	Tubular Exhib	15	-2½	0.4	2.7	8.5
2,880,000	Tudor	51	-4	3.6	7.1	7.7
4,448,000	UCL Group	48	+1½	..	..	..
6,488,000	URS Ind	2¾	..	..	..	..
24.9m	UTC Group	163	-28	14.0	8.6	7.4
151.1m	Utd Friendly	840	●-10	45.2	5.4	..
5,748,000	Usher (Frank)	83	-2	8.0	9.6	8.4
9,327,000	Ventura Plant	80	-16	..	..	7.2
9,382,000	Video Tape Rec	125	+2	3.6	2.9	14.6
19.4m	Vistec	19	-3½	0.1	0.5	22.5
8,648,000	WSP Hldgs	125	●-7	2.9	2.3	18.4
15.8m	Wardell Roberts	98	-6	..	..	..
4,200,000	Welpac	16	-2	0.7	4.4	6.7
5,913,000	Wemsom	79	-2	2.3	2.9	11.9
4,529,000	Wentworth	38	● ..	2.5	8.9	6.5
11.9m	West Scotfld	115	-5	6.7	5.8	13.1
3,830,000	Whitney Mackay	72	-6	6.1	8.5	8.6
4,730,000	William (Rex) Hldgs	18½	-3½	0.7	3.8	16.7
4,777,000	Wood John D & Co	82	-10	2.7	4.4	4.8
6,960,000	Wld of Leisure	57	●-3	6.0	6.9	5.2
17.1m	Wyevale	285	●-12	6.5	2.3	19.8
18.9m	Wyko	82	-6	4.3	5.2	8.1
49.1m	Xtra-vision	91	+3	..	..	..
4,084,000	Yelverton	36	r-6	0.7	2.0	67.3
36.4m	York Tst Gp	41	-7	3.6	8.8	5.5
19.8m	Yorkshire Radio	208	-7	..	..	..
18.3m	Young Group	198	●-2	7.8	4.0	9.7
15.7m	Zurich Group	16	-3	3.6	22.5	3.9

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1989 High Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
557.5m	Alliance	611	● ..	40.0	3.9	33.4
145.3m	Amer Trust	178½	●+1	5.8	3.3	45.1
326.0m	Ang & O'seas	285½	-3½	5.8	2.0	64.7
143.2m	Bankers	92½	-1	3.1	3.4	44.7
9,620,000	Berry Starq	163	-3	..	..	39.8
297.6m	Br Assets	77½	-2½	4.2	5.4	25.9
68.4m	Br Empire Sec	51½	-1½	1.0	1.9	..
394.3m	Br Inv	632	-12	26.7	4.2	32.5
99.8m	Brunner	155	-3	4.8	3.1	47.9
70.0m	COFC Tst	70	-1	0.9	1.3	40.2
——	Do 8½% Ln	296½	..	850	8.7	..
143.6m	Cont & Ind	846	..	66.7	7.9	15.9
19.3m	Derby Inc	164	-4	17.8	10.9	13.8
21.6m	Do Cap	168	-15	..	..	..
187.4m	Drayton Cons	545	-9	18.2	3.3	45.6
139.8m	Drayton Far East	499	..	2.9	0.6	..
50.2m	Dundee Lon	299	-15	12.4	4.1	33.1
603.3m	Edinburgh	210	-8½	7.2	3.4	32.7
99.4m	Electric Gen	110	-2	2.7	2.6	63.4
60.7m	English Int	147	s -10	3.6b	2.4	59.5
108.7m	English Scot	136	●-4	3.3	2.4	44.4
273.0m	Ensign	94	-2	1.6	1.7	67.6
78.0m	F & C Eurotrust	383	r +8	2.7	0.8	
233.9m	F & C Pacific	220	●+16	1.9b	0.8	..
77.1m	F &C Smaller	88½	-½	1.7	2.0	60.9
8,612,000	First Charlotte	11¾	-¾	0.9	7.7	69.3
144.7m	First Scot Amer	457	-24	23.7	5.2	26.4
71.7m	First Tokyo Index	163	+1	0.3e	0.2	..
118.1m	Fleming American	178½	..	1.8	1.0	..
58.0m	Fleming Claver	290	-8	10.0b	3.4	35.5
57.2m	Fleming Enterprise	143	-7	3.5	2.4	68.8
408.2m	Fleming Far East	270	+2	2.4	0.9	..
30.4m	Fleming Fledgling	242	-6	3.5	1.4	65.8
26.5m	Fleming High Inc	102	-2½	..	..	..
229.7m	Fleming Japan	289	-4	0.9	0.3	40.8
304.9m	Fleming Mercantile	211	-2½	6.5	3.1	44.4
284.6m	Fleming Overseas	214½	●+3½	5.3	2.5	47.6
34.4m	Fleming Tech	45½	..	..	..	..
155.3m	Fleming Universal	238	+7	3.7	1.6	70.0
813.2m	For Col	154¾	-¾	3.3	2.1	68.2
122.5m	GT Japan	393	●+1	4.8	1.2	87.5
22.0m	General Cons Cap	122	-11	..	..	..
40.5m	Do Inc	112	+1	11.7b	10.4	13.8
979.2m	Globe Inv	182	-5	6.8	3.6	38.5
149.9m	Govett Atlantic	185	+½	4.5b	2.3	55.2
423.1m	Govett Oriental	471	..	2.0	0.4	..
270.9m	Govett Strategy	276	-9	5.9	2.1	96.2
36.6m	Greenfriar	318	-5	3.9	1.2	87.1
18.0m	Gresham House	425	..	8.8	2.1	34.8
52.6m	Independent Inv Co	58½	-¼	1.0	1.8	58.8
243.0m	Inv Cap	394	-13	22.1	6.6	26.2
121.5m	Kleinwort Charter	150	-6½	4.5	3.0	38.3
137.5m	Kleinwort O 'seas	171½	+3½	3.7	2.2	90.8
21.9m	Kleinwort Smaller	166	●-6	5.1	3.1	44.3
87.3m	Law Debenture	385	-18	17.0	4.4	31.5
61.3m	Lon Amer Ventures	68	-½	..	..	..
171.8m	Lon Merchant Sec	106	●-6	4.3	4.1	15.9
166.2m	Merchants	182	●-5	10.6	5.8	25.8
2,002.9m	Merrill Lynch	219¾	-⅛	..	..	..
244.4m	Monks Inv Tst	315	+4½	6.0	1.9	70.0
178.0m	Murray Income	218	●-9½	10.9	5.0	24.2
289.7m	Murray Intl	229	●-8	12.0b	5.2	29.4
138.2m	Murray Small	249	-1	4.1	1.6	85.0
65.2m	Murray Venture	313	-19	9.6	3.1	36.7
38.7m	Nedbrog Inc 83	99	-1	8.7	8.8	15.2
9,281,000	Nth Sea Assets	22	-½	..	..	..
175.3m	Nthn Amer	523	+3	9.1	1.7	75.8
98.6m	O'seas Inv Tst	254	+2	2.8	1.1	..
34.8m	Pacific Assets	257½	-½	1.1	0.4	..
26.1m	Parside Gp	38	..	1.8	4.7	..
7,686,000	Personal Assets	51½	-2½	1.3	2.5	36.5
154.6m	RIT Cap Prtnrs	112	-2	2.2	2.0	33.6
26.8m	River & Merc	89	-6	..	..	..
——	Robeco	334	+7	..	..	..
——	Rolinco	337	+7	..	..	..
1,875.1m	Rorento	216	+¼	..	..	..
89.5m	St Andrew Inv Tst	245	-5	7.7b	3.2	45.7
402.2m	Scottish	161	..	4.5	2.8	50.6
258.2m	Scot American	115½	+1	4.4b	3.8	41.1
388.4m	Scot Eastern	173½	●-2	4.6b	2.7	65.1
16.1m	Scot Merc 'A'	101	..	5.5	5.4	25.8
479.7m	Scot Mtge	133	-3	3.7	2.8	48.9
190.8m	Second Alliance	985	●-8½	37.3	3.8	34.7
205.0m	Secs Tst of Scotland	84	-2½	3.0b	4.7	28.2
35.0m	Selective Asset	121	..	0.7	0.8	79.6
71.6m	eSphere Inv	45½	-½	5.2t	11.4	..
68.7m	Steel Burrill	230	●-4	13.7	6.0	20.5
44.3m	TR Australia	95	s ..	4.9b	5.1	48.8
173.0m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	90½	-6	4.9	5.4	25.7
81.6m	TR Pacific	92	+1	0.3	0.3	28.2
141.2m	TR Property	54½	-1½	1.6	2.9	32.8
35.9m	TR Tech Inv	99	-8	2.0	2.0	35.6
267.3m	TR Trustees	150	-4	4.0	2.7	48.8
140.2m	Temple Bar	245	-13	12.0	4.9	25.7
98.0m	Thornton Asian Emg	98	-3	..	..	..
224.0m	Throgmorton	80	-4	3.5	4.4	27.9
11.5m	Throg Dual	330	-20	..	..	..
120.4m	Tribune	235	-4	5.5	2.3	48.7
20.1m	Tripleves Inc	84		25.2	30.0	4.8
61.5m	USDC Investment	165	-1	4.7	2.8	42.6
12.9m	Value Inc Tst	64	-1	2.3	3.6	30.3
123.3m	Westpool	125	●-3	2.9	2.3	30.3
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496.8m	Witan	146	-2	4.2	2.9	44.8

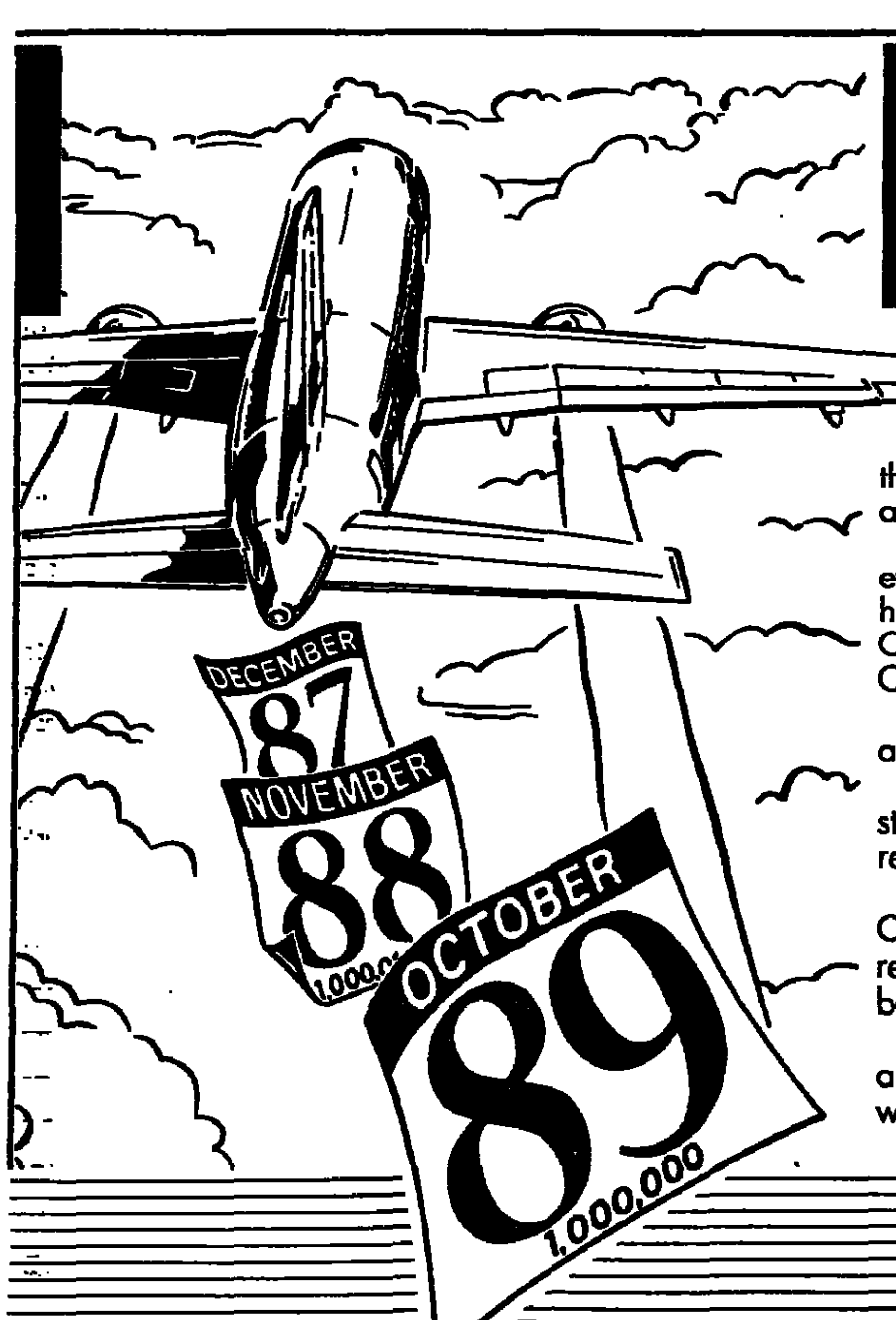
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THIRD MARKET

1989 High Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
2,588,000	ASB Barnett	90	-7	1.3	1.4	19.8
1,907,000	Amercosur	10	-1	..	..	..
2,284,000	Andaman Res	74	-5	..	..	..
1,748,000	Ass Farmers	86	-5	..	..	..
24.8m	Beckenham	88	r-8	4.0	4.7	11.6
11.8m	Broadcast	322	..	..	..	35.4
4,408,000	Caspan Oil	13	..	..	..	..
1,686,000	Chelsea Art	75	-20	1.3	1.7	..
2,571,000	Chemex Intl	48	..	..	..	..
1,780,000	Crown Eye	110	-5	..	..	21.2
5,365,000	Eglington	78	-4	..	..	42.2
6,785,000	Fir E Res	35	-3	..	..	..
2,717,000	Hilders	98	-3	..	..	10.3
13.8m	Honorbilt	19½	-2½	..	..	8.8
3,321,000	Ind Comms	20	-1	..	..	..
1,855,000	Kemp (PE)	41	-2	2.0	4.9	15.8
3,968,000	LGW	89	-4	2.7	3.9	14.5
40.8m	Leading Lsr	80	-2	3.3	5.1	10.8
2,094,000	Lyra Group	6½	-1	..	..	2.4
40.7m	Macrace	145	-5	..	..	..
3,188,000	Pennine Optical	75	-2	..	..	16.0
9,542,000	Remanmister	57	-1	2.5	4.4	11.2
12.4m	Royal Sovereign	190	●-13	7.6	4.0	11.2
8,097,000	Seecon	135	●-18	3.6	2.9	7.7
3,273,000	UPL	75	..	3.7	4.9	14.0
7,442,000	Unit Group	144	..	6.7	4.7	8.2
7,302,000	Video Magic Gp	83	-7	..	..	..



A MILLION AIRCRAFT
A MONTH EARLIER

The millionth aircraft movement over England and Wales has just been handled by the London Air Traffic Control Centre.

This is a month earlier than last year, and two months earlier than in 1987, when the London Centre handled a million aircraft movements for the first time.

Britain's air traffic controllers are moving more air traffic than ever before. In the first six months of this year, movements handled by the Scottish Centre were up by 21%. The Oceanic Centre handled a 12% increase in transatlantic traffic. London Centre handled 7.6% more.

The picture is the same at Britain's airports, where controllers are also handling record levels of air traffic.

This is a real success story, but the CAA recognises there are still too many delays and is determined to play its part in reducing them.

Demand is set to go on rising. Over the next ten years the CAA will be spending £600 million on new equipment and record numbers of air traffic controllers and engineers are being recruited.

The future of Britain's air traffic control must also be seen in a European context. The CAA is intensifying its co-operation with other authorities.

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Chalet holidays in the snow growing into an avalanche

By A Correspondent

A staggering 30 million people head for the snow each winter.

Miss Rosemary Burns of the Ski Club of Great Britain says the British ski market is growing at 23 per cent to 27 per cent per annum. More than 1 million Britons will go skiing this year, many of them taking chalet holidays which itself is a British tradition.

One chalet operator schussing into every gap in the fast-growing market is ex-chalet girl Miss Joanna Deakin of Ski Whizz. Miss Deakin is becoming the Anita Roddick of the ski chalet holiday business, with an expected 15,000 people staying in Ski Whizz chalets this season.

For the past eight years Miss Deakin has been building a high-flyer reputation with her own ski holiday business, swallowing up operators like Ski MacG and Ski Bonne Neige on the way.

In June Ski Whizz moved into the big league of ski operators alongside Supertravel and The Bladon Line by merging with Mr Colin Murison Small's Small World.

This spring Miss Deakin started "Tent Event", a venture hiring out marquees and party planning. She forecasts a £250,000 turnover for Tent Event in 1990.

Miss Deakin and her brother Charles started Ski Whizz eight years ago when she was 22 and he was 24 on a start-up capital of £700 credit on Joanna's Access card.

This year the Ski Whizz brochure offering holidays in 84 chalets in France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy was out by the end of August. For £140 a week supplement, Ski Whizz offers a private nanny service for up to two children, or a crèche for children under six years for £70 per week.

One market the Deakins are keen to expand is the corporate and incentive holidays and weekends.

Building on the merger with Mr Murison Small they are relaunching the Small World summer holiday programme under a new name.

In the process of building her own business Miss Deakin has caused an avalanche of other chalet businesses, inspiring at least 10 former Ski Whizz chalet girls (and at least one chalet boy) to set up on their own.

"Joanna Deakin spawned a whole industry," says Miss Susanne Hayes, at 23 one of the youngest products from the Ski Whizz school of chalet operators. Susanne was a Ski Whizz chalet girl in Champéry. She met a Canadian ex-ski racer there. Three years ago they started Piste Artistes with the British office in Hull. This year she expects 540 skiers at their four chalets in Champéry.

A male in the ski chalet business is Mr John Riley of Ski.Nut. This year Ski.Nut has three chalets in Morzine.

Ski Whizz, Crescent House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1UZ. 0284 750505.

Piste Artistes, Shirethorn Centre, 34 Prospect Street, Hull, East Yorkshire HU2 8PX. 0482 20601.

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ANOTHER PERFECT VEKA PROFILE CREATED BY STEVE BROOKS ON SUNDAY 1st OCT 1989

Reporting This Week

Highland may brew up £18.9m

TODAY

Strong demand for Scotch whisky and improving margins throughout the industry has given Highland Distilleries a good year. Guinness has started marketing whisky as a premium drink like cognac instead of a bulk spirit like gin or vodka, benefitting independent distillers as well as the multi-national groups. The brewing team at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is forecasting a rise in full-year profits from £14.2 million to £18.9 million.

Interims: New Ireland Holdings, Waterford Wedgwood, Whitbread. Finals: Highland Distilleries, Manganese Bronze Holdings.

TOMORROW

It has been a tough year for Amstrad, headed by Mr Alan Sugar. As well as facing a collapse in British consumer demand, the electronics group has suffered the failed launch of its PC2000 — which had to be withdrawn for modifications — and problems in some of its European distribution operations. City analysts are expecting profits of about £85 million, almost half last year's £160 million. Last week, the shares touched their low point for the year. The market is also hoping for the company to give it some guidance over current stock levels and their valuation, demand for the relaunched PC2000 and consumer products like the video camera, and the effect of high interest rates.



Alan Sugar: analysts say profits at Amstrad may be halved

The recently merged Hunting produces its first interim figures. The company's bomb manufacturing and aviation servicing businesses are thought to have been doing well and the City is expecting profits of £17 million, against a pro-forma figure of £12.3 million. Followers are hoping for some news on how the integration of its three businesses is going and on what it intends to do with its less successful businesses, such as ship repair.

Interims: Boosey & Hawkes, Derwent Valley Holdings, Hunting, Geers Gross, Jackson Group, Kymmene Corp, Rand Mines (qr), Runciman (Walter), Serif Cowells, Tudor. Finals: Alba, Allied Restaurants, Amstrad, Attwoods, Castle Communications, Exmoor Dual Investment Trust, Molyneux Estates, Paterson Zochonis, Ramus Holdings, Thomson Corp, Thorntons.



Brian Beazer: construction shares have suffered recently

WEDNESDAY

Shares in Beazer have been hit hard in recent months as investors have turned against heavily-borrowed construction stocks. The company, headed by Mr Brian Beazer, will try to change that with these full-year figures. City forecasts are £125 million to £128 million (£106 million) and they could prove conservative.

The second half is thought to contain a contribution from Koppers, the American aggregates company, while Gifford Hill, the other American business has made up for poor demand in Texas with good returns from California. The contracting division is also thought to have been turned round.

Housebuilding profits have held up well, although growth may have been slower than in the first half.

A lengthening order book at Hawker Siddeley Group, the electrical and engineering group, is thought to have produced impressive profits growth in the half-year to the end of June. Analysts are looking for profits of £95 million, up from £80.6 million.

But the company should expect some difficult questions on its capacity to handle the increased flow of orders, particularly for light electrical goods, since some believe this will hinder its growth next year.

Interims: Boot (Henry) and Sons, British Shoe Corp Holdings, Broadstoner Holdings, Chesterfield Properties, City of Oxford Investment Trust, Davies and Newman Holdings, Hawker Siddeley Group, House of Lerose, Petrocon Group, Scottish American Investment Co. Finals: Beazer, Bracken Mines, Farnell Electronics, Kinross Mines, Leslie Gold Mines, Synapse Computer Services, Unisel Gold Mines, Winkelhaak Mines.

THURSDAY

Interims: Cohen (A) & Co, East Rand Gold and Uranium Co, Free State Consolidated Gold Mines, Gerrard and National Holdings, Harding Group, Mexico Fund (qr), Orange Free State Investments, Scottish Mortgage & Trust, Transvaal Group Gold Mining (qr), Welkom Gold Holdings. Finals: CDFC Trust, Fleming Japanese Investment Trust, Regentcrest.

FRIDAY

Interims: Eastern Produce (Holdings), Jantar, Midland and Scottish Resources, Ocean Wilsons (Holdings). Finals: New Central Witwatersrand Areas.

Britain is ready to aid Iraq rebuilding

By Our Energy Correspondent

Britain's policy of retaining strong commercial links with Iraq during the Iraq-Iran conflict have demonstrated that it is now ready to help with the country's peacetime reconstruction, Mr John Wakeham, Energy Secretary, said in Baghdad.

The first large energy contract placed by Iraq, for a new power station at Al Shemal, has already been awarded to NEI Parsons.

British Gas has also signed a joint technical co-operation agreement with the Oil Exploration Company of Iraq.

Mr Wakeham, who said that a number of other important contracts are in the pipeline, added: "The energy sector, in which Britain's reputation for advanced technology stands particularly high, is where some of the best opportunities for co-operation and expansion of our trade seem most likely to be found.

"Major breakthroughs at the very frontiers of the geological, geophysical and engineering sciences have brought down substantially the costs of new offshore developments.

"This makes possible the development of smaller fields previously thought to be uneconomic."

Power contracts 'ready for float'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The system of contracts that will operate between the two sides of the privatized electricity industry should allow the privatization programme to be met, according to Mr John Baker, chief executive of National Power, the company to operate 70 per cent of power stations.

Mr Baker is to discuss the contract system at a financial conference in the United Statestoday.

He will tell the audience, which will include a large contingent from the United States investment community planning to take shares in the privatized British power industry, that the system on contracts now adopted should clear the way for a successful flotation.

"The Government has recently revised its timetables and has now produced one, which although tight and demanding, now looks achievable."

Mr Baker describes the contract terms as a workable package.

"In the end we have had to accept that compromise is inevitable. It has taken us all some time to establish with the Government where the right point of balance should be but I am happy to say I think we now have it.

"Following a meeting between the industry and the Government at the end of last month a contracts package has now been agreed which phases in competition, both in distribution and generation, over a period of eight years.

"This solution is obviously not as clear as it could be. I suspect that some of the more ardent advocates of competition will find it a trifle disappointing.

"The point, however, is that it reprsents the best pragmatic solution to a problem of great complexity and I have no doubt it will work as a package."

NatWest's tips for survival

By Michael Tate

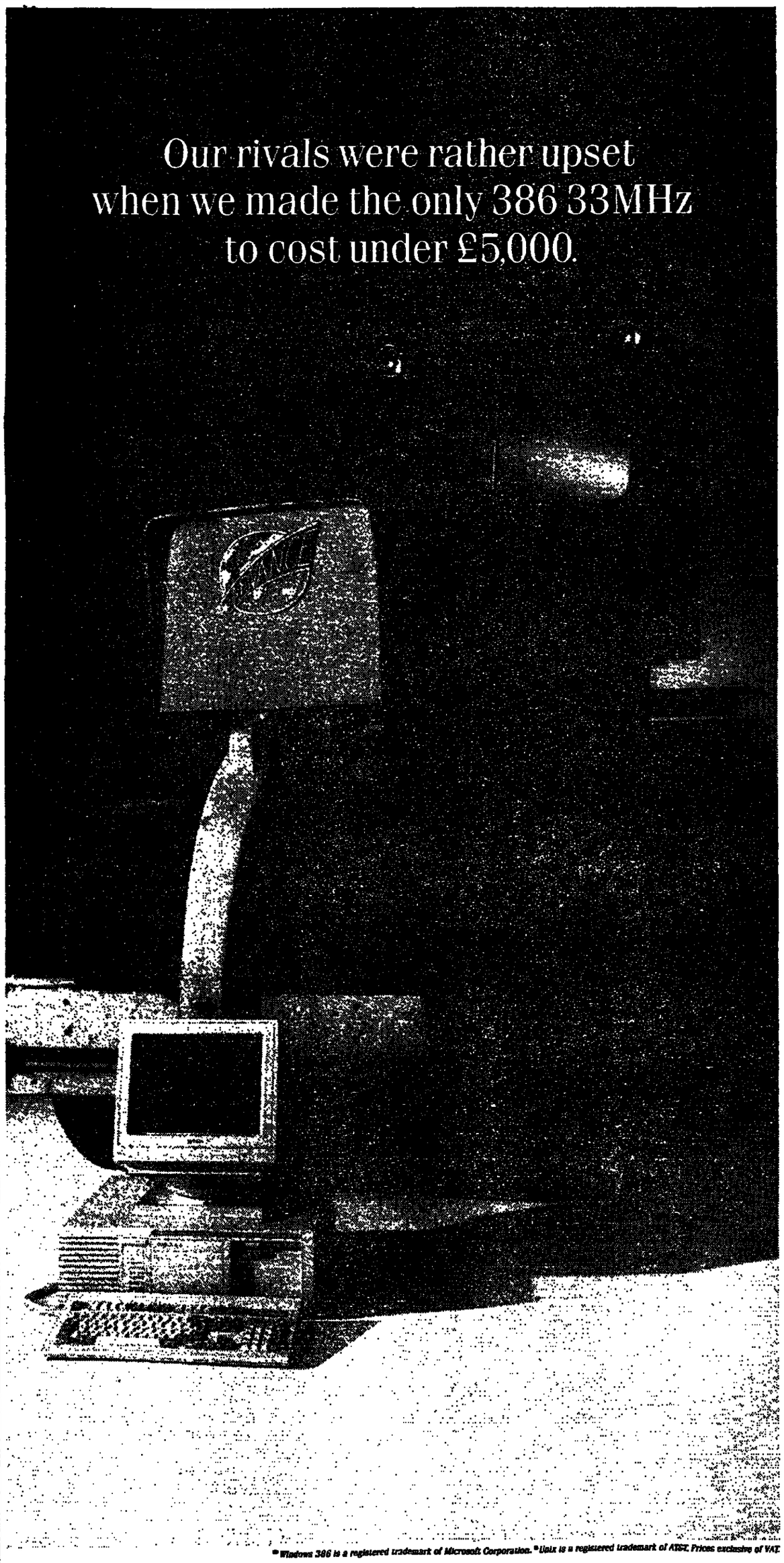
National Westminster Bank has issued five tips for small business to survive the present period of high interest rates.

Mr David Powell, head of small business services at NatWest, said small businesses have borrowed an estimated £30 billion from their banks and that every percentage point increase in interest rates adds £210 million a year to costs.

Mr Powell said small businesses should review their financial position and discuss potential problems with their bank manager.

The bank's other tips:

- Take advantage of agreed trade credit. If suppliers allow you to pay in a month's time, do just that.
- Keep a close eye on your sales ledger and make sure your customers pay on time.
- Consider restructuring loan repayment over a longer period.
- Consider switching lending into a fixed rate scheme.



(Fortunately we made more than one.)

What is it that's got Tandon's main competitors so steamed up?

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2,573.0m	Midland (aa)	333	●−31	22.5	6.8	8.3
617.4m	MORGAN GRENFELL	366	●−13	15.0	3.5	63.8
3,211.2m	Nat Aust Bk	332	+2	..	..	..
4,851.0m	Nat West (aa)	308	●−16	18.5	8.4	5.3
167.0m	Provident	331	●−15	25.3	7.8	9.1
24.7m	Rea Bros	69	..	0.7	1.7	68.4
[illegible]	Rothschild (J) Hld	188	−11	12.7	8.4	6.2
572.6m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	169	●−6	8.4	5.0	6.4
257.9m	Schroders	[illegible]	[illegible]	28.0	1.8	15.5
1,136.2m	Stand Chart (aa)	513	−13	48.7	9.1	4.4
1,544.0m	TSB (aa)	106½	−4	7.4	6.8	6.0
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A welcome change of voice

The new Secretary of State is healing the wounds caused by his predecessor, says Ted Wragg



Baker: teachers had felt they were being used by an ambitious politician to further his career



MacGregor: he emphasized his wish to listen and had become aware of the hostility generated

When John MacGregor, recently appointed Secretary of State for Education, went to Cambridgeshire to address his first meeting of head teachers at the beginning of this month, two unusual events took place. First he announced he was actually going to stop something happening, rather than introduce yet more changes, and secondly he told the heads he wanted to listen to their views. His speech signalled a turning point in education.

His announcement that the teacher appraisal scheme would be delayed was cheered, not out of hostility, but because it was eroding the time needed to do everything else; nobody could remember when a minister had last received such warm approval from the teaching profession. After a decade which had seen four major Education Acts – in 1980, 1981, 1986 and the biggest of all in 1988 – as well as the introduction of new examinations like the GCSE, the change of style could not have been more welcome.

It was the sharp acceleration in the rate of reform under Kenneth Baker that fuelled many of the problems of the past two years. The 1988 Education Act introduced a national curriculum with a compulsory new syllabus for each of 10 subjects, national assessment for children at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16, and new kinds of school to compete with the maintained sector, like the City Technology Colleges and the Grant Maintained Schools which had opted out of local authority control. In addition, schools were to manage their own finances and governing bodies were given increased powers.

The contrast between MacGregor and his predecessor was stark. Under Baker, teachers had felt they were being used by a media-hungry ambitious politician to further his own career. Even minor amendments or innovations were given heavy publicity as part of his "wheeze-a-week" style. In order to justify the need for change, Baker overplayed criticism of the profession, leading to a drop in morale and serious recruiting problems. Worried senior civil servants made no secret of their attempts to persuade ministers to be more encouraging to teachers.

It was significant, therefore, that MacGregor emphasized his wish to listen in his Cambridgeshire speech, saying: "I am a listener as well as a decision-maker" and "I think the Government sometimes sets too short a period for consultative processes, and I am very conscious of your present workload". He had clearly become aware of the hostility generated when Baker launched the consultation exercise on the introduction of a national curriculum in late July 1987. Replies were expected by the beginning of September, giving just the month of August for a response to one of the most significant changes ever undertaken in education.

The skills of good management include giving respect to, and in turn earning it from, the workforce, the ability to discriminate between necessary and unnecessary change, and an awareness that, if overload has occurred, alleviating action must be taken. Whereas Baker failed to grasp these basic principles, MacGregor seems eager to embrace them.

So far, he has knocked two green bottles off the wall. The delay in the implementation of teacher appraisal was one welcome source of relief to heads in particular. Of greater political significance, however, was his announcement that no more public money would be put into City Technology Colleges. It was noteworthy that MacGregor made his keynote speech to a meeting of head teachers. They are the main lever pullers in the educational system.

If he listens to heads, he will hear they are overwhelmed by petty bureaucracy, with silly forms to fill in about which bits of the national curriculum they have taught and for how long. MacGregor's moves may have considerable influence beyond the education service. There is a close parallel between education and other public services such as health. The aggravation between doctors and ministers is very similar to that between teachers and ministers some 18 months ago. His quiet role sweeping up bottles after the party is over will be watched with interest for the significance it may one day have elsewhere.

● *Professor Wragg is Director of Exeter University School of Education.*

POSTBOX

From: Peter Roberts
Chairman of Governors
Queensbury School
Dunstable, Beds

David Grugeon (The Government's Unexpected Gift – Education, October 2) has grossly misrepresented the facts relating to the successful application from Queensbury School, Dunstable, to achieve Grant Maintained Status, avoiding the need for the Secretary of State for Education to decide on Bedfordshire County Council's proposal to close that school.

Mr Grugeon attempts to paint a picture in which a failing, unviable school escaped closure by simply applying for Grant Maintained Status. He intimates that Queensbury was an unpopular school, by claiming low intakes and a low retention for the sixth form, and that it had "the least satisfactory buildings". Nothing could be further from the truth.

Kenneth Baker repeatedly made clear that Grant Maintained Status will not be an escape route for non-viable schools, and each application would be considered on its merits. He also made clear that parental wishes would be a major factor in any decision. By giving GMS, Mr Baker and the DES clearly felt Queensbury was viable.

Mr Grugeon draws attention to the fact that Queensbury had the lowest intake of the three Dunstable schools, but omits to mention that it had been targeted for closure for 10 years, and that a constant reduction of its catchment area had reduced the potential for new pupils.

Despite these attacks, parental support had been strong and our numbers remained around 650-700. With a lower intake, it is unsurprising we had a low sixth form stay-on rate – but only in real numbers, not percentage terms.

What appears to annoy Mr Grugeon is that people refused to accept that "County knows best" and fought to retain a school which had demonstrated its value over the years by the high quality of examination results.

Queensbury remains a viable school, and (unmentioned by Mr Grugeon) had the second highest intake of the local schools this September – showing that an assured future for this excellent school will result in its return to the top of the list in pupil numbers.

Affection is not a school for scandal

An adult's arm around the shoulder of a child who has grazed a knee; a story read sitting on the edge of a child's bed; what could be more natural or more homely? Natural for parents, of course, but what about those *in loco parentis*, who care for the 23,000 children who board in preparatory schools?

Prep school dormitories are happy places. Bare boards and curtain-less windows are mere memories in the minds of a few ageing parents. Yet, despite the teddy bears, posters on the wall and bright paintwork, mum and dad are missing and, for a few homesick eight or nine-year-olds, there is a sudden gap where there was once reassurance and love.

In the past few weeks there will have been hundreds of examples of dedicated, responsible adults – heads, teachers and matrons, – who have filled the vacuum. Children will have been comforted, cheered and, almost certainly, cuddled to show that affection and love have not disappeared from their lives. It sounds innocent and natural – and it is – but for many who think they can help children find warmth, stability and security, there is a sense of unease.

Twelve months ago, Esther Rantzen was invited to the Conference of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) and made a sincere and articulate appeal on behalf of the telephone counselling service, Childline. Since then, child abuse scandals have been in the headlines and *That's Life* has drawn attention to allegations of a seamy side of boarding school life. Although the school concerned was not an IAPS member, by implication suspicion was cast on all boarding schools, although this, I am sure, was not the intention. All those who work in such schools were concerned about the effect of publicity on parents who have no first-hand experience of the happy, active and innocent communities that are their responsibility.

One of our members wrote to me, enclosing a copy of his letter to Rantzen. He questioned the lack of balance in the programme and the effect it would have on parents and concluded his letter: "For my own part, I will not reject the child that needs a touch, a hand, a shoulder to cry on. I entered the profession to help, support and encourage children. I understand and welcome your investigation. I am certain there is a need to protect many children and to make members of the teaching profession aware of their own responsibilities, but *please* don't make us afraid to offer support and aid to children who need us."

The new safeguards contained in the Children Bill are welcome, and it is of course, right that the media should draw attention to dangers, but alarmist headlines and an increasingly litigious society are producing results which could be harmful rather than beneficial.

If fear of misrepresentation were to stifle genuine affection, if groundless innuendo were to divorce children from all physical contact with responsible adults, if suspicion were to triumph over spontaneity, then caring for boarders in a preparatory school would become a thankless task. Even more seriously, schools would become deserts of despair for children. Those cheerful boarders must be protected, but they are far too important to be the victims of a society where the guilt of a few is so highlighted that the actions of the innocent many are inhibited.

Hugh Davies Jones

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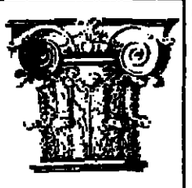
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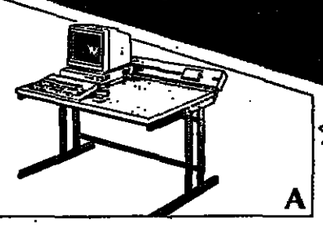
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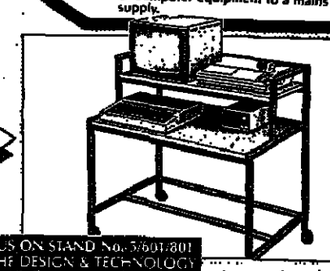
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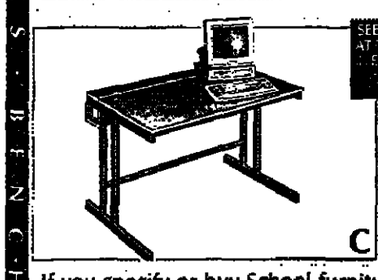
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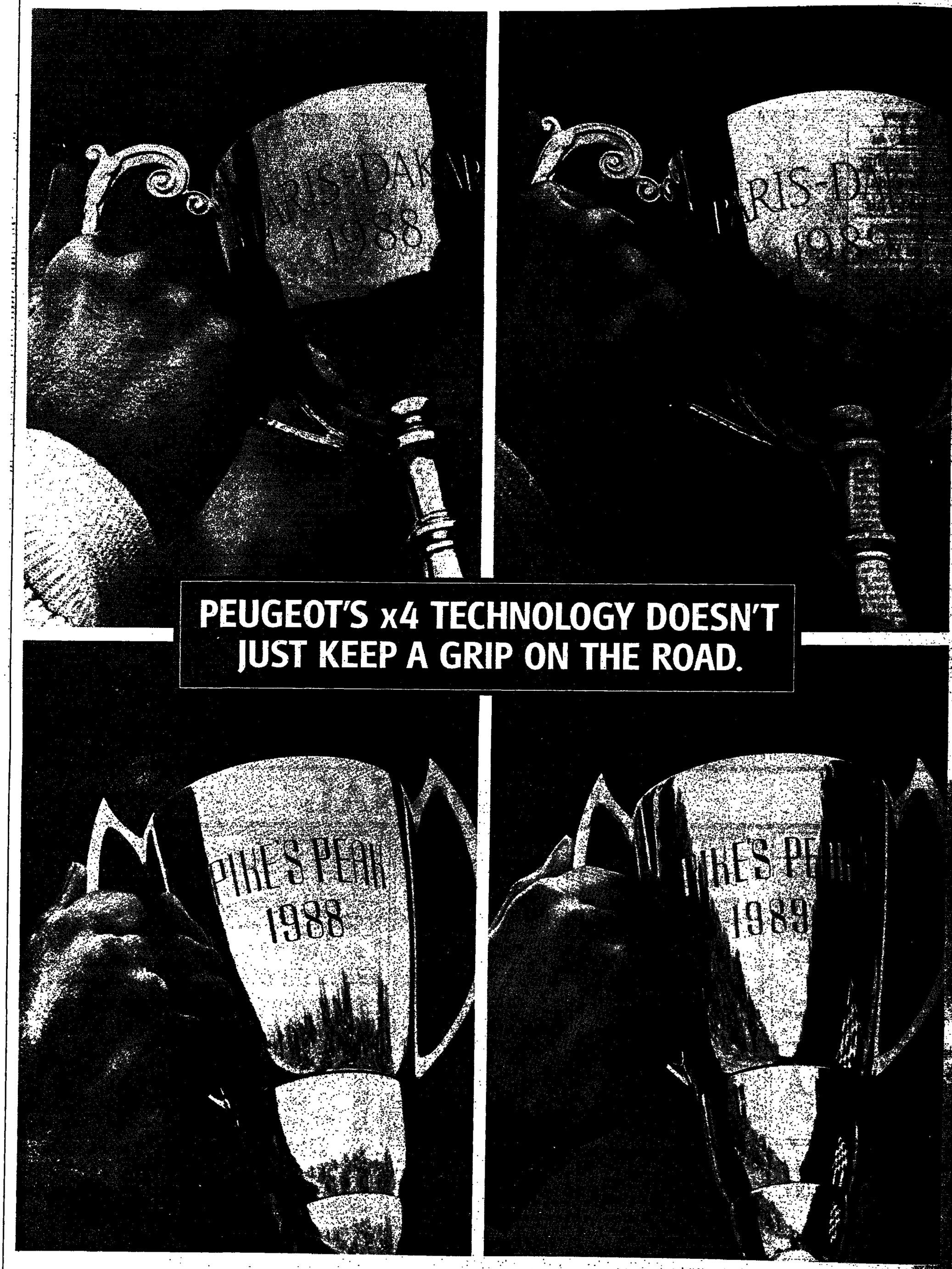
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As Motorfair gets set to open at Earls Court on Thursday, **Kevin Eason** reports on the plight of Britain's motoring industry

Despite car gloom, it's bargain time for buyers

'The impact was felt last month when sales took a sudden drop by 10 per cent. Within days, the Chancellor was pushing base rates up to 15 per cent'



Huge rises in interest rates will tarnish the glittering sales figures achieved during a record-breaking year for car manufacturers in Britain — and signal the start of a discounting war for customers.

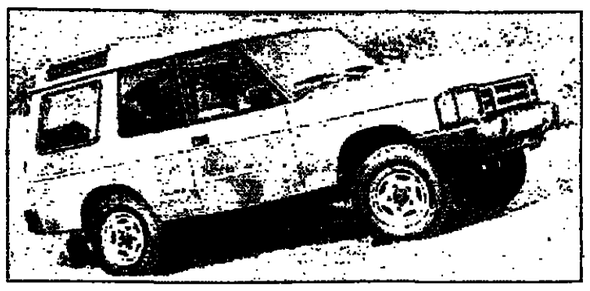
Slashed prices, a bevy of new models and attractive cheap loans are all in the manufacturers' armoury for the autumn campaign to beat off the opposition and maintain sales and output through to 1990.

Some makers are cutting hundreds of pounds off the big-selling medium-range models and handing out incentives to dealers to keep the quota of cars moving through the showrooms as the prospects of a severe drop in demand intensify. Despite aggressive marketing, there are likely to be much reduced profits and a surplus of new and secondhand cars unless the Chancellor of the Exchequer can get to grips with the economy soon.

Sales at the September mark were five percentage points ahead — thanks to the sales-drive earlier this year to beat the 1988 record of 2.22 million vehicles — but the figures hide an underlying falling off in the demand for new cars.

The trend started in August, statistically the most successful single month's trading for the motor industry in Britain. In reality, 50,000 fully registered new cars flooded on to the market — but without a home to go to, severely distorting sales figures and leading to claims of a new record.

Dealers were offered as much as £400 off to register cars, simply to soak up models specifically built for the expected traditional August rush. Problems began when the dash for "G" registrations started to falter. Some of those brand new, but pre-registered cars, are now starting to appear on the forecourts at big discounts, marked down as "delivery mileage only" or demonstration cars, or are being sold off at knockdown prices as company fleet cars, chasing away sales of genuine new cars.





Best of British: Rover's Discovery (above) looks like a world beater, and the Rover 216 GSi (below) is a shortened version of the 800 series

The impact was felt last month when sales took a sudden drop by 10 per cent. Within days, the Chancellor was pushing base rates up to 15 per cent, causing a consequent rise in loans and mortgage rates and putting pressure on the disposable incomes of consumers, who had been spending freely over the last three years, mainly through easy credit.

Businesses enjoying buoyant profits are also tightening their belts as their bank credit costs double what it did a year ago, heightening fears of a recession which could severely cut into car sales next year.

Firms are warning that the good times may be over for a while, especially as there are so many discounted models available — and the warning is loudest from representatives of the fleet buyers, who account for half the new models sold annually in the UK.

Tony Grimshaw, managing director of the major Swan National Rentals chain, says: "The latest rise in interest rates is bound to bring pressure on fleets to reconsider their purchasing programme with a view to extending replacement cycles.

"Given the present situation of high interest rates, and the fact that the used car market is at its most depressed for many years, I cannot see, for the moment, there being an active vehicle replacement programme."

Despite the gloom, visitors to Motorfair, which opens at Earls Court, London, on October 19, will see evidence of an industry awash with new models, enjoying every last penny of the good years after the lean time of recession at the end of the 1970s.

New cars or variants from Rover, Lotus, Mazda, Vauxhall, Ford, Peugeot, Renault and Jaguar underline the strength of the motor industry, both at home and abroad. All have put their profits to good use in development programmes, costing hundreds of millions of pounds, to snatch a lead in an industry which is as cut-throat as at any time in its history.

Among the British manufacturers, Rover is showing renewed confidence with boosted profits and two new models — the revamped 200 series and the Land Rover Discovery — to show off to buyers. Ford is riding on the crest of a wave of profits that reached a 1988 record of £670 million. Vauxhall is enjoying unprecedented demand for its Cavalier range. Peugeot Talbot has rebuilt its market share, and Nissan expects to sell a record number of cars, thanks to the addition of its UK manufacturing facility.

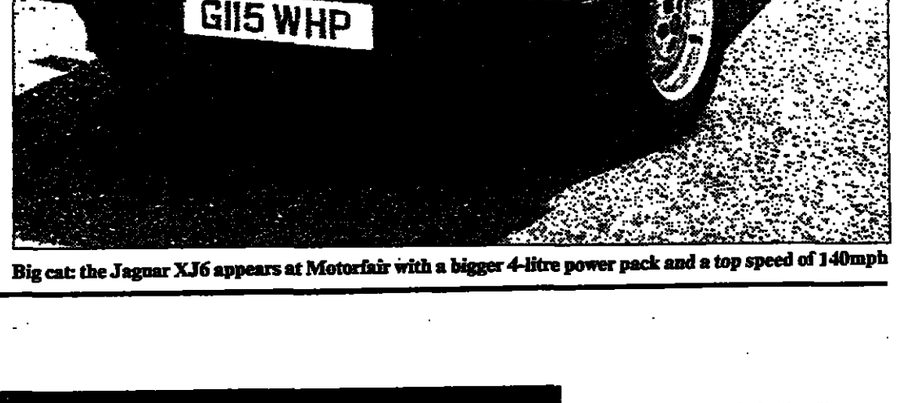
The stands of all the companies will be bigger and better and the sales patter will be optimistic and aggressive. However, few companies are now above discounting, offering special offers and cheap finance deals to keep their metal moving. Nissan led the way with a £500 cut in the price of its Sunderland-built Bluebird Premium models last month, to combat the influx of free credit offers from other manufacturers.

At the same time, figures show that manufacturers have been spending around £100 of the price of every new car just in advertising to stay ahead in the sales league. Ford was the biggest spender, with a 76 per cent increase in its budget to £21.9 million in just six months to June. Rover spent £21 million and Audi Volkswagen £16 million.

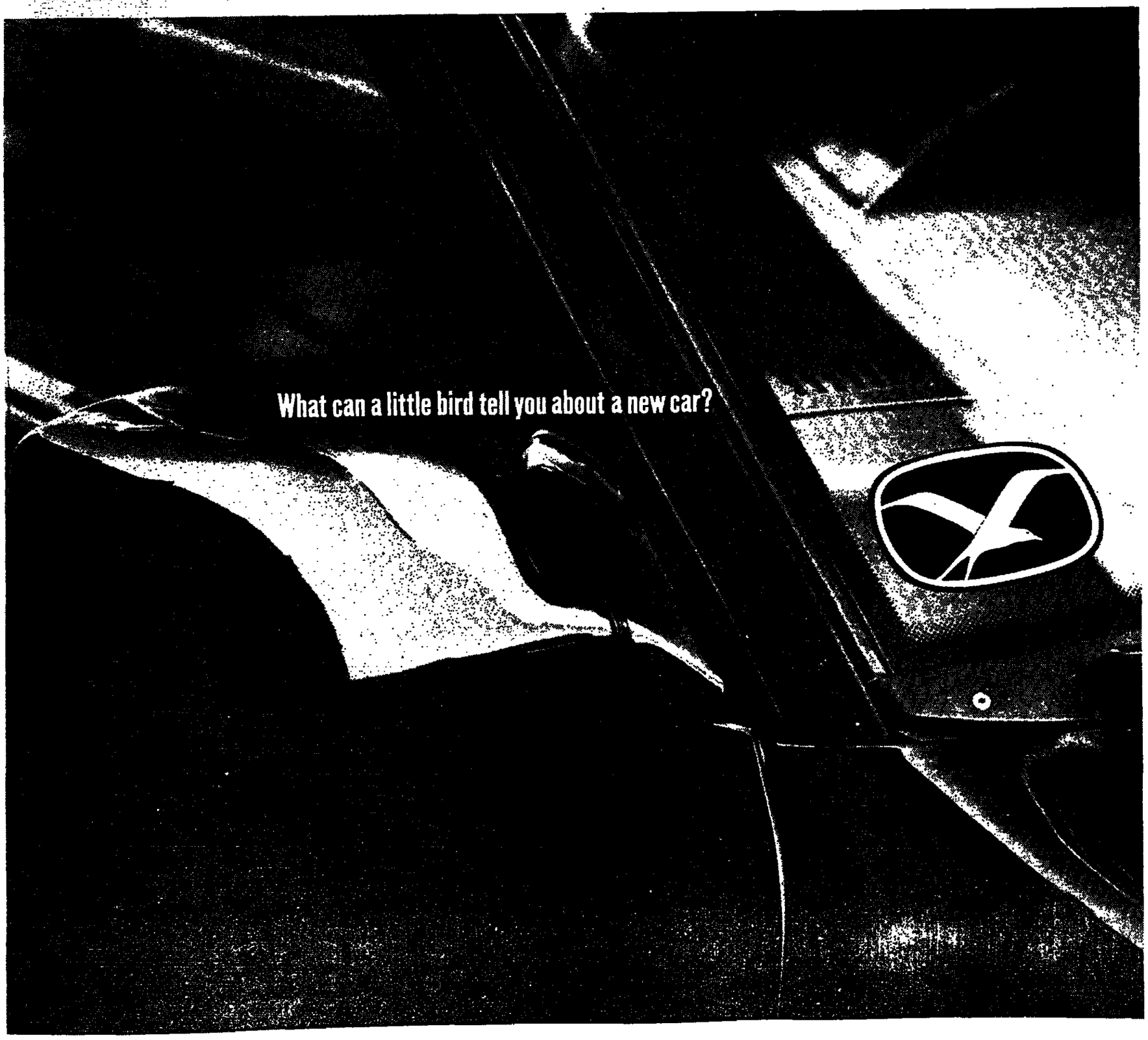
Products on show at Motorfair will be the most sophisticated to come from mass production lines, with high reliability levels and quality built into virtually every model. With tough pricing policies and a race for customers, 1990 should be one of the best years ever to buy a car, if customers still have the money.

That is where the motor industry's problems will lie next year. Production costs will have to be kept down and car prices made cheaper in real terms to keep stocks down and assembly lines moving.

However, virtually all manufacturers were expecting a fallback in sales, even before the Chancellor's bad news. What are the chances now of avoiding a slump? The one hope which will be shared by every manufacturer at Motorfair this week is that when the fall comes — if it does — it will be a soft landing, and not a crash.



Big cat: the Jaguar XJ6 appears at Motorfair with a bigger 4-litre power pack and a top speed of 140mph



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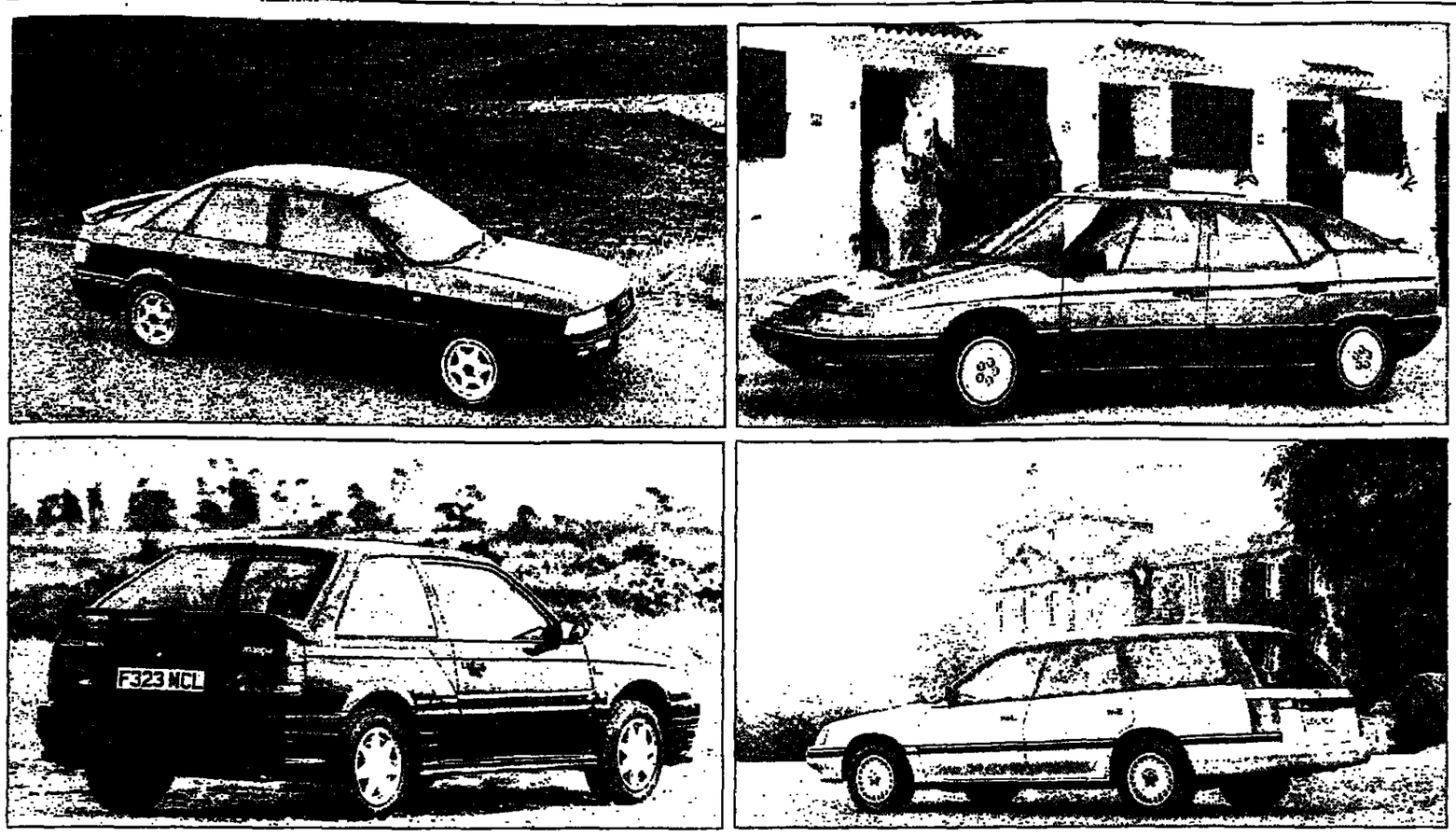
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Could it be the next best thing in your life? Ford

All eyes turn to London as the motoring world focuses on Motorfair, which features three world previews



Motorfair attention-grabbers: (clockwise from top left) the sleek and "green" Audi 90, the low-slung executive Citroen XM, the versatile Mazda 323, and the stylish, spacious Subaru

Britain takes the wheel

Cars built in the United Kingdom look set to stand out at this year's fair, despite strong competition, **Kevin Eason** reports

New models have been rattling out of the design centres like bullets from a machine gun this year and, for the first time, more than 55 new cars are on show in the UK at the Motorfair in London this week.

They include three cars being given their world previews, underlining the regained importance of Britain as a manufacturing and sales centre for all vehicle producers.

From the Japanese to the Russians, manufacturers have made Motorfair the focus of their 1990 sales assault. For once, this is a motor show where British car makers may beat off the foreign competition. Rover, Rolls-Royce, Ford, Vauxhall, Lotus and Jaguar are all showing new models.

But the competitors — from Japan, France and West Germany — will be there to put up a fight for their share of the glory, by pitching in at every level of the market. Ford weighs in with its £9,995 Fiesta XR2i, the dynamic little newcomer which will be underlining its dominance over the Japanese, who have been trying to break into the "hot hatchback" market, as well as Vauxhall's Nova and the re-styled Rover MG Metro.

In the mid-range, the heat is being turned on the Ford Escort, Britain's best-selling car for most of the decade, not only by Rover with its new 200 series, but by Mazda's 323 models.

Honda brings in its sizzling Sierra-size Accord, a car winning acclaim from customers who have become increasingly impressed by the company's ability to marry European ride and styling to the expected Japanese strengths of high-quality engineering and reliability. Newcomers include the Subaru Legacy, the company's most important car in 15 years, which is loaded with hi-tech gadgetry.

Lotus's two-seater Elan will get a run for its money from the Mazda MX-5, a speedster which almost outdoes Lotus at what the English company is most famous for: racy open-top sports cars. The Elan has a 165bhp engine from the General Motors stablemate, Isuzu, with a top speed of 135mph, but the Mazda has winning looks and could be priced more competitively.

Another sports star is the glamorous Mercedes SL, destined to become a classic. Despite the price tag of up to £50,000, dealers have tied up the order books to 1992. The five-litre version has a top speed of 150mph and includes gadgets such as an automatic roll bar which pops up on impact.

Land-Rover unveils its Discovery mini-roughrider, a vehicle which should be priced at about £16,000, to challenge Japanese competition as a leisure vehicle for the "green welly brigade", as well as a utility vehicle for drivers in rural areas.

And there are important changes among the "big boys" of motoring, from Jaguar and its revamped XJ6 with a new 4-litre engine, to Rolls-Royce, with a hi-tech approach welded to the company's customary attention to the fine details.

Most attention, however, is likely to centre on the Rover stand, which shows the company's revised 200 series for the first time. The car follows in the line of successful collaboration deals produced by Rover with Honda of Japan — the Triumph Acclaim, Rover 200 and Rover 800.

The last 200 series has been a regular member of the sales top ten — and the new 200 promises to do just as well, offering a luxury feel to a compact car in the Escort-class size. Rover spent £250 million designing and developing the new car, as well as £200 million on the K-series engines that will power three of the four models available. It was money well-spent — Rover looks likely to have a world-beating product which will attract buyers both at home and abroad.

Competition is lively though, with Volvo's new 440 gaining ground alongside old favourites like the Volkswagen Golf and new potential eyecatchers, especially the Mazda 323 range. The result of four years' work and £400 million worth of development by the Japanese, the 323 comes in three distinctive body styles: hatchback, saloon and fastback, each quite different and offering three engine variations: 1.3-litre, 1.6 and 1.8.

The idea comes from careful market research by Mazda, which hopes to create a stronger presence in Europe to rival the big Japanese names such as Nissan and Toyota. Mazda, by accepting that not all customers are happy to drive lookalike cars, has tried to create individual styles within the confines of mass production.

All are a substantial improvement on Mazda's old range, up to the racy 1.8GT, 16-valve, three-door version, which cracks along in a style to match many of the best hot hatches around. It costs £12,299, but the 1.3SE three-door is just £7,849.

In that same "compact" segment of the market, Peugeot has revamped the 309 range, previously built in Britain but now in France. The revised model makes its debut at Motorfair, offering six petrol and two diesel options. Power for the 1.6-litre petrol engined automatic gearbox versions has been increased to 92bhp over the previous 80bhp and there is an easier-to-change manual gearbox, too.

Honda, now establishing itself in Britain as a manufacturer, will also be looking to underline its reputation with two new cars: the Concerto and Accord. The Concerto is the Honda version of the Rover 200, sharing the same structure but not much of the body and interior styling of the UK model.

The Accord comes direct from Japan and maintains its reputation for styling, built up over three generations of this particular model. It has been voted top of its class by *Which?* magazine in the last two years. The revamped versions use a 2-litre, or a fuel-injected 2.2-litre, with catalytic convertor, capable of 132mph.

Audi, the pioneering German manufacturer, is also in the high-power business at Motorfair with new 20-valve, 170bhp versions of the 90 and Coupé range. Along with its sister company, Volkswagen, Audi will be emphasizing its attempts to take the lead in the environmental race by turning more and more of its range "green". Even the Audi quattro gets twin catalysis for full emission controls on its 220bhp engine.

Two companies that will be trying to make an impact are Daihatsu and Subaru, both with important models in the mid-range.

Daihatsu launches the front-wheel-drive, "notchback" Applause in two forms — the base 16L and a 16Xi — both powered by a 16-valve, 1.6-litre engine. The Xi produces 105bhp, which should take it to 115mph, but it is the package which will interest many buyers. The car comes with a catalytic converter and electrically operated windows as standard.

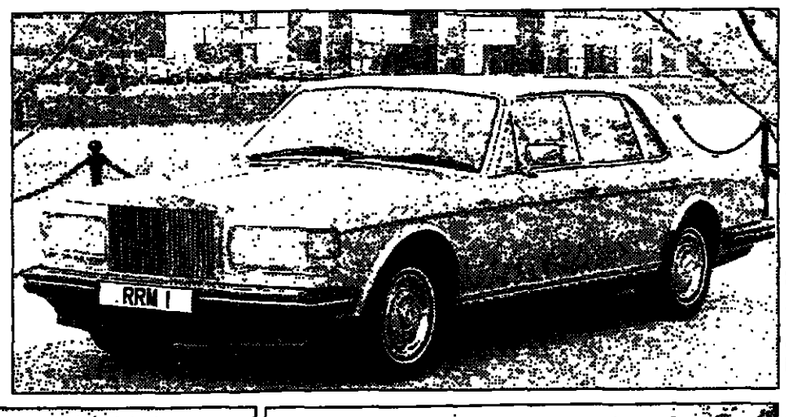
Subaru is trying to break into the medium-range market with the Legacy, seen for the first time this week. The model capitalizes on Subaru's reputation for cars with permanent four-wheel drive, but adds extra luxury and performance to what has so far been considered a utilitarian range.

Two saloons and two estates are available, powered by both 1.8-litre and 2.2-litre engines. Alongside full-time 4x4 capability, there is computer-controlled torque distribution to ensure the power is transmitted evenly throughout the car at all times, plus anti-lock brakes. Good value in a range priced between £10,999 and £16,299.

In the luxury class, Rover is revising its 1990 range of 800 cars, to maintain its place as best-seller in the executive range, only to find a new rival from Citroen with its XM. The low-slung and distinctively French XM replaces the old CX, but has none of the quirkiness of the old model.

Available either as a two or three-litre V6 with catalyst, it also has hydroactive suspension to minimize body roll. Prices from £12,600 to £23,000









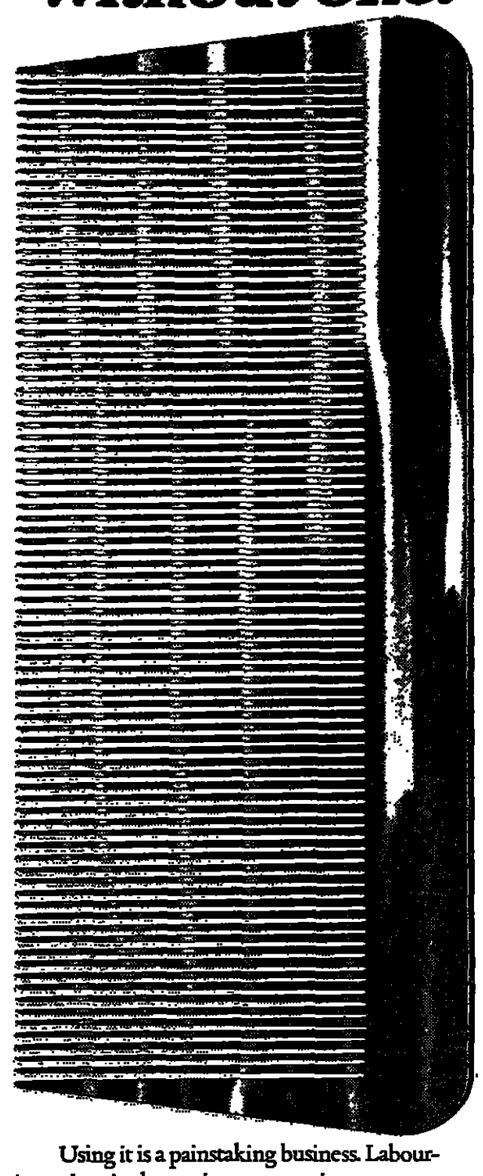






On show: (clockwise from top left) the glamorous Mercedes SL sports coupe, up to £50,000; the classic Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit II, £85,600; Daihatsu's perky Applause; the 135mph Lotus Elan will sell at about £16,000 from next year; the stunning Lotus Carlton from Vauxhall and General Motors' link; Ford Fiesta's high-power XR2i; and (centre) the sleek Honda Accord

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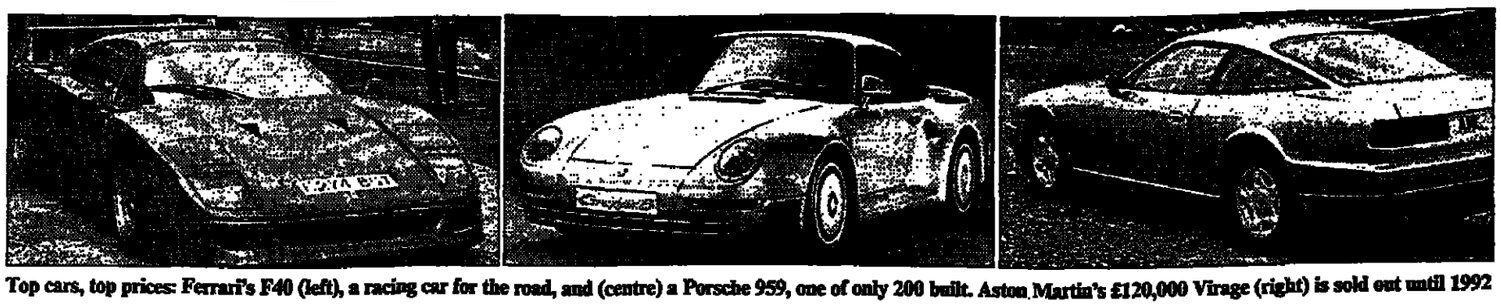
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Pay now, pick up in five years' time

Super-fast models meet strong demand and command high prices secondhand, Daniel Ward writes



Top cars, top prices: Ferrari's F40 (left), a racing car for the road, and (centre) a Porsche 959, one of only 200 built. Aston Martin's £120,000 Virage (right) is sold out until 1992

The world's most desirable sports car, the Ferrari F40, breaks most of the rules usually applied to exotic cars. Hand-built for the very rich, inside, it has no door handles; like the Mini of the 1960s, it relies on the occupant pulling a plastic cord to open the door.

You will not find a radio or carpets, either. Electric windows? No, the plastic windows slide forward much like a Mini's.

The body is not crafted from sheets of aluminium by ageing artisans: instead, it is a mixture of plastic and the sort of composite fibres used for flak jackets and Formula One racing cars.

It could never be mistaken for a mere showroom car, such is the no-compromise functional styling. The mass of cooling slots around the 478bhp, twin-turbo V9 engine are complemented by a rear window that is more holes than plastic.

Built to celebrate Ferrari's fortieth anniversary, the F40, priced at £130,750, is currently the fastest production car in the world. The Maranello works will build between 700 and 1,000 of them, and the only way to collect your car is to go to the factory in Italy.

There are probably fewer than five F40s in Britain, but that number is expected to rise to 30. Nigel Mansell sold his for almost £700,000 recently and it appears that £1 million is not an unrealistic asking figure.

Several British car collectors already have both an F40 and its closest rival, the Porsche 959, locked away in their garages. Originally only 13 of the 959s (£155,000 each) were imported to Britain, yet now there are said to be 48 in the country. Only 200 were built, so the £500,000-plus prices the 959 commands do not seem unreasonable unless you see it from Porsche's point of view.

The cost of developing the 959, an amazing technical *tour de force*, is believed to have been close to double the list price.

I found driving one of these 450bhp 190mph cars on a race circuit for half an hour a memorable experience. The twin turbochargers produce a tremendous burst of power as the engine reaches 4,500rpm, the flat six-cylinder engine bellowing loudly. Aside from the sheer speed, the driver has to cope with a six-speed gearbox and a four-wheel-drive transmission that can be programmed according to road conditions.

Until five years ago, the line-up of the world's fastest cars was looking a little staid and surprisingly limited. Ferrari's Berlinetta Boxer 512i, with its flat 12-cylinder engine, was no longer the revered machine it once had been, and Porsche's 911 Turbo was brutish and perhaps proved too much of a handful for most millionaires.

Add to the list Aston Martin's long-running V8 coupé and the Lamborghini Countach and at best you had a handful of truly exotic fast cars. At the Geneva motor show in 1984, Ferrari lit the fuse to an explosion in its development of high-performance cars, invariably built in small numbers, and thus guaranteed an enduring value. Today, these limited edition Ferraris can command prices of up to £1 million and there are enough determined buyers to ensure that any new Ferrari is sold out even before it is launched.

The car Maranello unveiled in 1984 was the 288 GTO, based on the production 308GTB model, but with lines more reminiscent of the classic 250FTO racer of the 1960s. In tune with the era of massively powerful turbocharged Formula One cars, the 288 had a twin-turbo, 2.8-litre V8 engine, which produced 400bhp and powered the two-seater to 189mph.

It was built as a competition car which somehow never found its way on to the racing track and instead today commands astronomical prices.

The factory built only 273 of these 288 GTOs and only about 20 of the left-hand drive cars came to Britain.

Aston Martin was not slow to emulate the Ferrari exercise, building the brutal looking Zagato-bodied Vantage based on a shortened V8 chassis. Only 50 of the £95,000 cars were built and 33 stayed in Britain.

'Limited edition Ferraris can command prices of up to £1 million and there are enough determined buyers to ensure that any new Ferrari is sold out even before it is launched'

The best price fetched to date for a Zagato Vantage is £750,000, yet a well-used one is likely to cost more than half a million pounds.

The launch of the new £64,500 Ferrari 348 at the Frankfurt motor show has unleashed staggering demand world-wide. The factory has reputedly stopped taking orders because it has enough customers for the £64,500 model for five years.

That seems to have spurred interest in its predecessor, the elegant 328 GTB. Its list price is £47,500, although a low-mileage model will probably cost £100,000, and in recent months the clamour to own one of the last 328s saw prices temporarily climb to £150,000.

For many enthusiasts and collectors, the big 328 will always be considered the definitive modern Ferrari, its Pininfarina sculptured lines near-flawless. Successors will, perhaps, lack the aura of having been built in Enzo Ferrari's lifetime.

The Ferrari mania has rubbed off on many of its rivals, none more so than Aston Martin. Its latest Virage model, replacing the V8 coupé, is going into production at Newport Pagnell and already the order book is full until about 1992, with 300 customers keen to own the £120,000 hand-built car. It will always have a rarity value that even Ferrari cannot match and an enviable Britishness in the way the hand-beaten aluminium body clothes a "gentleman's club" style interior of wood and leather.

In Britain, interest in the most expensive Porsches has probably never been stronger. News that the unruly 911 Turbo was going out of production sent prices soaring to more than £120,000. Even the 911 Speedstar, a re-working of the original 356 speedstar theme, has sold out in Britain.

There is also a healthy queue for the latest 911 Carrera 4, a sort of son-of-959, which, in this company, looks positively cheap at less than £50,000.

For the moment at least, the Greens have not squashed the appetite for ever-faster and more exciting cars.

Giving car sales the gentle touch

Interest rate rises mean that car salemen must work harder. One chain is banking on women to give it the edge, Derek Harris reports

For those hunting bargains, the time could soon be ripe to buy a new car or, even more, a used one – given that there is spare cash in the pocket or no worries about meeting higher interest rates on borrowed money. So says Robert Wood, managing director of Henlys and Kirkby, a car retail chain with almost 30 sales outlets.

New car registrations had been running at a high level this year, until an August record was followed by a 10 per cent drop in September.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders expects a weaker performance in the last quarter of this year and, although it has not yet downgraded its 1999 forecast for a 5 per cent decline, says the latest interest rate rise is bound to lower demand.

Wood, like many other car retailers, expects low or even zero interest deals for cars – typically funded by motor manufacturers – to continue, although he questions how far this contributes to sales when a purchaser still faces finding some capital.

The trade also expects other sales aids to become more common, from higher specification models without price increases to special deals offered by the car retailers.

Dealers are likely to face an erosion of profit margins as they try to offer more attractive prices to buyers.

Used-car values are dropping, which is why, as Wood points out, more bargains are to be had, particularly for a cash buyer.

Car sales in the south-east and East Anglia, areas of high property values where more expensive mortgage repayments have bitten first, have been showing signs of a fall all this year, although they were offset in July and August by particularly high sales, Wood says. The same sort of easing of growth is being seen in the Midlands and in the North only now, he adds.

"It would be wrong to infer this is a disaster," he says. "Remember that the comparisons are with 1988, which was an exceptionally strong year."

The market has been buoyed by strong company car purchases and the switch by many public bodies, such as the health authorities, to leasing new cars for use by staff instead of paying employees to use their own vehicles.

One anxiety is that manufacturers might not cut back production next year to equate with the likely reduced demand, Wood says. "If there are too many right-hand drive cars filling the fields and back lots, we could see some of the crazier sales antics emerging."

More sanguine about prospects is John Turner, managing director of the Heron motor group, responsible for Heron's sales in specialist sectors, dealing in marques such as Rolls-Royce, Ferrari, Jaguar, Range Rover and Lancia.

"It is a part of the market least affected by factors like higher interest rates and, in the main, we have full order books," he says. "But we still expect to have to work harder at sales, convincing a company chairman perhaps that he is justified in going ahead with the purchase of a new car when he might otherwise put off the acquisition until the economic situation improves."

Heron is UK concessionaire for Suzuki, the Japanese manufacturer, and John Norman, chief executive for the wholesale division, reports September sales above those in the same period last year. Sales of fashionable four-wheel drive vehicles are particularly buoyant.

Keeping his fingers crossed at his Leicester headquarters is John Hayes, chairman and managing director of Swithland Motors, a fast-growing regional car sales chain. His group is still seeing rapid growth – including a 50 per cent rise in September on annual comparison – but a lot is coming from opening new outlets. Even so, comparisons based on branches with longer track records show September sales up about 10 to 11 per cent, with those in August having risen by about 16 per cent.



John Hayes and his all-girl team: "In our first four years we got through about 40 salesmen because it was hard to get commitment to the job"

'A saleswoman helps make car buying a happy experience, which is in line with our sales philosophy. They are also much more loyal'

Swithland operates in the East Midlands, a regional economy not hit as badly as some by a slowdown in spending. The group is also relatively unusual in concentrating entirely on the private buyer and Hayes puts a lot of his success down to what he believes is a unique sales team – all of them women.

Hayes, 31, started the business 13 years ago with a £1,000 overdraft. Its annual turnover is now £40 million, selling from 10 branches. It aims to have up to 20 outlets within 12 months as Swithland moves towards national coverage.

"In our first four years we got through about 40 salesmen because it was hard to get commitment to the job," Hayes says. "So we took girls who had been successful in the accounts department or as secretaries and tried them on sales. The result was excellent."

His sales force now numbers 42 and he finds that both men and women customers feel better dealing with a woman, possibly because car sales people have a reputation for aggressiveness.

Another factor is that more women are buying cars for themselves, while in a family a woman will have considerable influence on the decision.

"A saleswoman helps make car buying a happy experience, which is in line with our sales philosophy," Hayes says. "They are also much more loyal."

No doubt Hayes, like all car dealers, will soon be increasingly grateful for whatever means they can muster to add that extra something which may keep the customers happy and still coming through the showroom doors.

Entertaining road diversions

When a new £40,000 car is designed around its own music system, such features have become much more than just bolt-on extras

Early into the design of Toyota's latest luxury car, the Lexus, the 1,400 top-flight designers and 2,300 skilled technical staff were asked to down tools for an unprecedented rethink on the unusual question of how to get the best out of the vehicle's audio system through matching the physics of sound with the technicalities of the Lexus's shape.

The result: the world's first luxury car, expected to sell at between £30,000 and £40,000 in the Jaguar and Mercedes range, which has been built around its in-car entertainment.

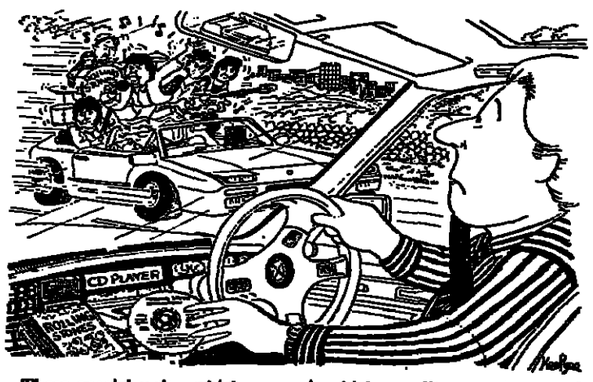
Lexus heralds a key trend for the future of mobile sound systems, industry experts believe, with increasing emphasis on the integration of the music centre within the contours of the car, rather than as an add-on extra. It will be one of the highlights of the London Motorfair show, opening in Earls Court on Thursday.

Also underscored will be the growing interest among makers in compact discs (CD) and Digital Audio Tape (DAT) players as the vogue in in-car entertainment.

On display by many of the top names in ICE, as car sound systems are now known, will be the new generation of Radio Data Systems (RDS) units – radios which transmit travel information, automatically re-tune a radio station to its strongest frequency and display the station's name on a screen.

Around two years ago, makers began introducing CD players into the car market and sales of the high priced units are expected to soar as car owners seek the same quality of sound on the road as they have in the home.

According to Kevin O'Bryne, an expert on ICE and editor of *F.FWD* magazine which is being launched at the show, one of the key forces driving compact disc demand has been the development of the CD changer.



These special units, which can handle around six discs each, have transformed the practical use of CDs for motorists, he says. Instead of large cumbersome consuls installed inside vehicles, the changers are accommodated in the boot. Choice is controlled via a motorist's hand-held or strategically sited remote control set, with most systems allowing facilities for pre-programming the choice of tracks as well as the usual features of skipping sections, fast forward and search.

All the makers at this year's show – JVC, Alpine, Pioneer, Panasonic/Technics, Bosch/Blaupunkt, Phillips, Tri-Kenwood and Nakamichi – will be unveiling their latest offerings on the CD scene as well as traditional radios and radio cassettes.

Pioneer, which played a key role in developing the Lexus sound system, will be showing its range of CD players, combined CD, tuner and cassette systems and CD changers. The company will also be underscoring its predominance in high quality speakers and custom-fit speakers, designed to fit directly into the spaces provided by the car manufacturer, avoiding the need to cut trim panels.

Blaupunkt's new top-of-the-range CD radio players, the New York SCD 08 and the Cleveland SCD 08, each has three waveband tuners – FM, MW and LW – and auto search facilities with disc programme search and track programme memory as standard.

JVC will be demonstrating its Digrifine range, including the XL-MK1200 Compact Disc Automatic Changer, designed to work with the KS-C1200 CD Changer Control Tuner Deck or the KS-RM12 CD Changer Controller. In common with the state-of-the-art in such units, JVC has two magazines for the discs capable of each holding six CDs. JVC, alongside its competitors, is placing great emphasis on the anti-shock and anti-vibration mechanisms built into the units.

Alpine, whose systems are factory-installed in Lamborghinis, has just had its 7390/5952 radio cassette CD autochanger system voted "Best Car Hi-Fi System of 1989" by *What Hi-Fi?* magazine and "Best Audio Product Award for 1989" by *Car Hi-Fi* magazine.

Nakamichi will be exhibiting its latest range of CD products, including the in-dash CD 701 and the 10-disc CD changer – the CDC 101 – which hooks up with the DAC 101 unit.

Competitive pricing will be the tone of the Panasonic stand, and to that end the firm has developed the tuner/CD combined unit, the CQ-DP25, and the 12 disc mounted auto changers-CX DP10 and CX DP11.

Philips will also be unveiling its new flagship unit, the DC984 CD/tuner, which combines not only compact and radio, but also RDS and FTS-favorite track selection. This feature, the company says, allows a motorist to programme up to 100 tracks which can be re-called from the player's memory.

All exhibitors are keen to display developments in the new radio traffic information and automatic-strongest-signal finding system, RDS.

As you drive, traffic facts are broadcast into the ICE system interrupting normal radio transmission, the cassette or CD player.

However, whether 1989 will really see the dawn of this promising new technology is still in doubt. RDS, which is set to go European wide, is still under development and, according to *F.FWD*'s O'Bryne, there is still consumer confusion over the technology and its benefits.

Similar question marks hang over DAT. Although the system can deliver recording studio quality, snags in the distribution of recorded cassettes have hampered its acceptance among consumers both home and in-car audiophiles.

Nick Nuttall

A case for car credit where it falls due

Borrowing on credit with a hire purchase deal, that old familiar of the car trade, still accounts for about a third of the financing of car purchases, although high interest rates seem to have helped stem overall instalment credit growth.

Earlier this year, instalment credit growth was halted for the first time in six years, according to HP Information (HPI), the national register for vehicle credit deals. HPI includes within instalment credit not only hire purchase but many forms of leasing and contract hire and this is estimated to account for about 48 per cent of car financing.

In the first three months of 1988 the rate of credit growth involving new car sales was almost a third up, but in the corresponding period of this year the figures showed a startling drop. It was a similar picture with used cars. The same trends continued in the second quarter, although the new car sector was up by 2 per cent.

Hire purchase, provided typically by finance houses, is used mostly by the private buyer. The latest edition of the *Monks Company Car Policy Guide* suggests that 7 per cent of smaller businesses use hire purchase, but few bigger companies do.

As car sales have been doing well, at least until the September fall, the change indicates a successful search for other means of financing. More private car buyers may have negotiated loans with building societies and banks.

A different picture emerges in the company car field. The *Monks* guide says 43 per cent of companies buy their cars outright. About 25 per cent use contract hire, another 14 per cent lease in various ways and 16 per cent use a mixture of methods. The *Monks* analysis shows a decline in outright purchase of at least 3 per cent early this year. Contract hire appears to have risen by just over 1 per cent and leasing growth was up by 2 per cent. Contract hire, sometimes known as operating leasing, is a turnkey deal in which the contract hiring company takes care of virtually everything, including initial purchase, the risks of final disposal, all maintenance and repair costs and replacements when cars are off the road.



Going for growth: Ron Elder of Avis's leasing and fleet division

There is a variation called contract purchase. Under these terms, the deal has the main benefits of contract hire but is set out as a conditional sale agreement that can, in some circumstances, mitigate VAT and Corporation Tax payments.

Finance leases provide cash for car purchase which is then paid off and the leasing company retains ownership. But it is the car user – the lessee – who has to find the car, negotiate any possible discounts, meet all the day-to-day operating costs and, as agent of the leasing company or lessor, finally sell the vehicle.

A popular form of finance lease includes a final "balloon" rental which might be as much as a quarter or a third of the original discounted cost of the car. Most of the proceeds of the final sale are available to the lessee as a rental rebate which covers the final balloon payment. If the sale proceeds are less than the balloon payment, the lessee has to pay the difference, so a wise lessee ensures that lessors make only cautious estimates of residual values, particularly during periods of low inflation.

There are other ways to avoid the hassle of car management. External fleet management specialists can be called in. The *Monks* guide says a fifth of companies now use such services.

About 22 per cent of larger companies bring in outside fleet management, but it is also becoming more popular with medium-sized companies – about 27 per cent of these use the services. However, only 12 per cent of smaller companies do so.

Looking for cars with more efficient operating costs is one way to ease the burden of car operation. Cars with higher residual values on final sale should also be carefully weighed, says Ron Elder, managing director of Avis Lease and Fleet Management, which has about 65,000 vehicles under its wing in leasing, contract hire and fleet management.

The latest interest rate increases could eventually have some impact on leasing and contract hire, Elder says. But he does not expect a fall in business this year, especially as the market has been growing by between 10 and 15 per cent for five years. Higher interest rates would take time to have an effect in the company sector, he adds.

Elder expects a growth in the use of outside specialist fleet management, particularly by companies with larger fleets. One estimate puts 66,000 vehicles under outside fleet management.

Derek Harris

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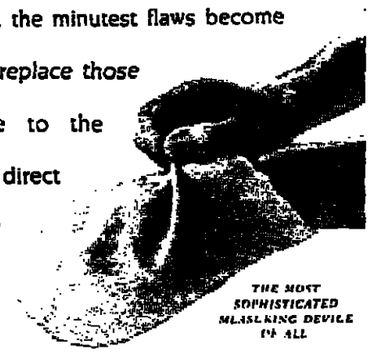
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Thousands of people at Mercedes-Benz concern themselves solely with 'quality assurance'. Unlike conventional quality control, this procedure is designed to prevent quality problems rather than rectify them. That's why many of the quality assurance team have to be qualified engineers.

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The only piece of equipment each inspector uses is a brushed cotton mitten, worth only a few pence. If he is right-handed, the inspector will use a mitten on his left hand which is less hardened by everyday use and therefore more sensitive than the right.

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Going green fuels war of words

From car makers to the petrol pumps, there are claims of confusion and cashing in on the campaign to clean up car pollution. Clifford Webb reports

A bitter battle has been waged in Europe between French and German car makers, with Britain playing a minor but supportive role for the French. The Germans pressed for much tougher anti-pollution measures for cars to be adopted throughout the EC. The French resisted these demands, insisting that they were being made for purely commercial reasons.

Put simply, the French case for a more moderate approach went like this: under pressure from a very politically active Green Party, Germany had introduced measures to clean up car pollution ahead of the rest of Europe. Its car manufacturers had been forced to invest heavily to make their vehicles comply with German regulations. As a result, they were in volume production and sales of three-way catalytic exhaust converter cars years ahead of their European competitors.



'Many motorists with cars tuned to run on premium unleaded could be made to believe that changing to "Super" will improve performance. This is simply not true and they are wasting their money"

Roger Colomb of Texaco

In fact, the French pointed out, the Germans were in an even stronger position because of their heavy involvement in the American market, which was one of the pioneers of lead-free motoring and the catalytic converter. Manufacturing cars equipped to meet the stringent anti-pollution regulations of two of the world's largest car markets had given Mercedes, BMW, Volkswagen and Porsche a significant competitive edge over their European rivals. But only if tougher regulations were introduced in the short term.

The French, with less vehement support from Italian, British and European-based subsidiaries of US giants, argued that, given time, other countries could spread the cost more reasonably and also develop alternatives to the vulnerable and expensive converter, such as the so-called "lean burn" engine.

The fact that the French lost the battle is now history, although they claim a partial victory. Three-way catalytic converters will be compulsory on new cars from 1993, but the French gained a victory by delaying the move for several years.

Now, like the British, they are having to come to terms with the introduction of lead-free petrol, without which catalytic converters cannot operate. Lead destroys the platinum-cored converter. The French have a long way to go before the availability of lead-free petrol even catches up on Britain's 25 per cent of petrol sales. This was dramatically highlighted recently at the launch of a new Peugeot in central France. There was only one supply of lead-free petrol within 20 miles.

But, as we in this country have already found out, if enough pressure is put on the oil companies, they can work miracles. From less than 1 per cent of sales a year ago, lead-free is now available on most forecourts in Britain.

The motorist is being unnecessarily confused, however, by the sudden appearance of two grades of lead-free – standard or premium lead-free with an octane rating of 95, and "Super" grade lead-free with a rating of 98 which costs more. Texaco, the first oil company to offer unleaded on all its sites, is particularly critical of competitors for introducing "Super" lead-free. Roger Colomb, its managing director, says: "The majority of vehicles able to run on unleaded can quite easily be adjusted to use the cheaper 95 octane.

"Furthermore, many motorists with cars designed or tuned to run on current premium unleaded could be made to believe that changing to 'Super' will improve performance. This is simply not true and they are wasting their money."

The Automobile Association takes the same view. It says: "It is a needless confusion. Advertising hype and a lack of readily available consumer advice has made many people believe mistakenly that it gives better performance than ordinary lead-free."

Lead-free petrol at 10p to 12p a gallon cheaper than normal four-star leaded is proving to be an unwelcome rival to the diesel-powered car. Although diesel is still the cheapest, the advent of government-subsidized lead-free petrol, and the possibility of further state help to speed up acceptance of the catalyst car, have cast a shadow over diesel.

But that is nothing compared with the shadow cast over diesel by reports connecting it with cancer. The worst hit market is Germany, where sales of diesel cars have plummeted in the past two years. Mercedes, with its very heavy commitment to diesel cars, has been hit particularly hard.

The German motor industry has contested the findings of carcinogenic effects of diesel exhaust fumes. The Verband der Automobilindustrie (VDA) has put out its own report challenging the way the tests were conducted and claiming that there is no acceptable or reliable basis for making a connection between diesel and cancer.



Confusion at the pumps: a customer fills up with "Super Plus" unleaded, but most converted cars will run just as well on the cheaper premium unleaded (top right), an unwelcome rival for the makers of diesel-powered cars which once had an advantage because of lower-priced diesel fuel

London's Motorfair wins recognition and a place in the international motoring calendar

Drive into top gear

The remarkable progress of Motorfair since its controversial beginning in 1977 has so impressed the official body co-ordinating European motor shows – Organization des Constructeurs d'Automobiles – that it has been given an official listing. That means Britain is one of only two European countries staging major motor shows annually. The other is Switzerland, with the Geneva show.

Now that London's motor show has official recognition and a firm date on the international show circuit, between the motor shows in Frankfurt in early September and Tokyo beginning on October 26, a great deal of interest has been shown by overseas exhibitors and several are using this year's show to launch new models.



Motorfair: several overseas exhibitors have shown interest and are using the show to launch new models

Every centimetre of Earls Court's 42,000 sq m is being used. Unfortunately only 25,000 sq m of this is actual show space (the rest is offices, conference rooms, restaurants and so on). But this will be the last Motorfair to be so confined. By the time the next show opens in 1991, Earls Court II will be completed, giving an additional 17,000 sq m.

While that will still not lift Earls Court into the same league as Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre, the home of the premier British Motor Show, it will almost double the actual hall space. But there is increasing public demand for motor shows which are small enough to be enjoyed without being physically exhausting because of the distances to be covered.

Motorfair's biggest asset, however, is its location in the centre of Britain's capital city and the largest concentration of population. A veteran stand manager, who has been a regular at motor shows world-wide for the past 30 years, says: "We are getting the best of both worlds with the present set-up in Britain. The motor show in Birmingham pulls in the crowds from the midlands and the north, while Motorfair gets the south-east. In fact, both shows attract visitors from each other's areas."

There is still intense rivalry between the two venues. Birmingham is quick to point out that because of its location in open countryside, surrounded by huge car parks adjacent to the M6, M42 and shortly to the new M40, it is the only motor show the motorist can drive to. Earls Court has minimal parking space and urges visitors to leave their cars outside the city and complete the journey by the Tube.

But the rivalry between the facility owners does not extend to the companies who rent their accommodation every other year. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), the premier body representing the motor industry in this country, helps to organize the London show. It has two seats on the organizing committee and an undisclosed share of the profits.

It was not always so. When Motorfair was launched in 1977 in co-operation with the *Daily Express*, the SMMT was aghast. It saw the newcomer as a threat to its major source of income at a time when the Birmingham show was suffering teething pains after moving from Earls Court to the newly completed National Exhibition Centre.

At that time it would like to have strangled Motorfair at birth, but because of the considerable interest shown by its member companies in some form of London-based show it agreed a compromise – the motor manufacturers would not take part but would not oppose their dealers doing so. In practice, however, no manufacturer was prepared to leave it entirely to dealers and "assisted" in the background.

That first, tentative show saw some pretty amateurish stands, manned by retail salesmen more interested in their commission on orders taken than on demonstrating the product to manufacturers' satisfaction. Despite the shortcomings the attendance showed that there was demand for some kind of London-based motor show and rather, than have it continue with its unsatisfactory format the SMMT opened negotiations with Motorfair's organizers.

Motorfair also benefited from the presence on its organizing committee of Gerry Kunz. Widely acknowledged to be one of the most experienced and highly respected motor show organizers on the international circuit, he arrived as one of the SMMT's two representatives.

Although the first Motorfair took place in 1977, the present show organizers prefer to ignore its controversial beginning and list 1981 – the first actively supported by the SMMT – as the real beginning. Because this is very much a show for the motorist as opposed to the motor trade, attendance is the prime yardstick of its success and since 1981 attendances have increased by nearly 50 per cent – from 229,000 to 339,000 in 1987.

Like all shows spread over two weeks, Motorfair has tried to keep interest alive in the second week with special events. At the last show it hit the jackpot with a motor-sport day. Attendance on that day was boosted by 10,000.

This year motor-sport day is on Tuesday, October 24. Fifteen motor manufacturers will give motor-sport enthusiasts a chance to see racing and rallying versions of their cars,

A further indication of Motorfair's appeal is the attention it is getting from the media in all its many guises. Newspapers and magazines are sponsoring stands illustrating specific automotive themes. The BBC is operating a television and radio studio on the first floor.

Clifford Webb

The wisest buys in car insurance

Motorists seem to be more interested in the service they get from their insurance company than in cutting the cost of being on the road, despite the heavy increases in insurance premiums over the past decade.

Less than 3 per cent of motorists opt for third-party liability, the minimum required by law, and only about a quarter take the next level of cover, third-party, fire and theft. That leaves 71 per cent paying for the most expensive option, fully comprehensive.

The older the driver, the more likely he or she is to take full coverage. Drivers up to the age of 24 are less able to afford higher premiums, are less likely to have built up a no-claims discount and tend to drive older, less valuable cars, so only 29 per cent have the widest coverage. By the age of 35, a quarter of drivers are fully covered and the proportion rises to 85 per cent by retirement age.

According to Martin Bateman of Top-UK Insurance: "When a motorist buys a new car, he does not usually think of the financial liability he might incur if he injures a pedestrian. He is far more worried about the cost of repairing the car if it is slightly damaged or the cost of replacing it if it is a complete write-off."

Comprehensive coverage, he says, "Provides real peace of mind to the policyholder, particularly if he has taken out a loan to pay for the vehicle in the first place." Considering that traffic accidents cost the nation an estimated £2,000 billion a year, peace of mind has its attractions. About 250 people a day suffer serious injury on the roads.

The cost of meeting those claims is escalating. Mike Auld of Guardian Royal Exchange points out that the cost of premiums is ultimately governed by the number of claims and the cost of each claim. He says: "At the beginning of the 1980s there was a horrific increase in the incidence of claims. There were plenty of theories but no explanations."

Those theories included the rise in the number of vehicles – there will probably be 28 million on the road by the end of the century – each doing more mileage, cars being built to move faster and motorists driving their vehicles to the limit.

"The increase in claims meant two increases a year for premiums at the start of the decade," Auld says. "The incidence of claims has never plateaued, far less been reduced, but over the past few years the rise has been less steep."

An insurance company with one million motorists on its books pays out an extra £500,000 a year if claims rise by just 0.1 per cent. With the incidence of claims now standing at 24.5 per cent, motorists can expect to make an insurance claim every four years.

Auld adds: "The average cost of a damage claim has increased by 10 per cent over the past year. Also, third-party awards are rising. People are becoming far more litigation conscious and court awards are beginning to escalate to reflect inflation, rising standards of living and wage levels. Although small in number, they can involve very large amounts. There are cases of courts awarding hundreds of thousands of pounds. It only needs a few of those to start making inroads into an insurance company's cash flow and reserves."

Some insurance companies are concentrating their efforts on speeding up the time it takes to deal with claims and get vehicles back on the road. The Prudential is among those that have set up a hotline claims service. Sue Shaar explains: "The driver doesn't have to fill in forms. The underwriter takes details over the phone and directs the driver to an approved garage. This has taken the hassle out of making claims."

Another major innovation this year has been an important change of policy by the Pearl. Where a driver has been found to be over the drink-driving limit, it will meet only third-party claims. Other insurance companies are ambivalent, applauding the motives but hesitating over the practicalities.

Shaar comments: "With that particular approach you could say it should apply to other road offences."

Auld adds: "Pearl came in for some criticism that they took it upon themselves to impose their views on the public and that something like that should be done by the government. Suppose a motorist is sitting at traffic lights and someone hits him in the back. He could be blameless in the accident but be over the limit. There is an assumption that the drink driver was guilty of causing the accident."

One idea that has caught on is to produce policies tailor-made to particular drivers. Some insurers, such as Top-UK, will accept only motorists who have already run up a no-claims discount elsewhere. Others will insure all drivers but have a special category for safe drivers. Women are generally considered a safer risk than men, although Shaar concedes gallantly: "It doesn't necessarily mean they are better drivers. It could be because they drive less."

Motorists are more inclined to shop around these days, using brokers or simply reading advertisements in the newspapers. However, Auld warns: "You need to make sure that you are with a quality company that can give a service anywhere you require. You don't want an insurer to be based in just one spot if you have an accident elsewhere in the country."

He advises: "Rather than jumping from one insurer to another, go through your policy with your broker or insurance company." Possible savings include making the insurance for just husband and wife if the children have left home. If the car is worth only a few hundred pounds, the cost of fully comprehensive insurance may be more than the car is worth. If personal circumstances change and the car owner can afford to meet some of the cost of any damage, he could agree to pay the first £100 or more.

Rodney Hobson

'Considering that traffic accidents cost the nation an estimated £2,000 billion a year, peace of mind has its attractions'

It pays to get alarmed

Simple and sophisticated devices to beat rising car thefts

One morning my neighbour awoke to find his nice new car sitting in the drive at a crazy angle. Three of its wheels and tyres had been stolen, leaving the car resting on its hubs. Why three and not four? We can only assume that someone disturbed the thieves, but not for long. They got the fourth wheel and tyre from an identical car in the next street.

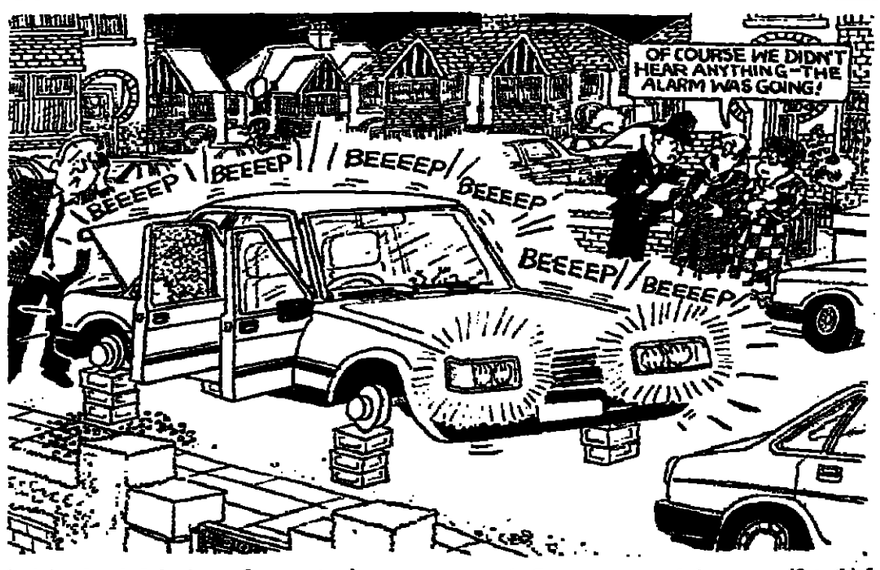
What makes this event so surprising is that the jacking up and wheel removal all took place only 10 yards from my neighbour's bedroom and neither he nor his wife and two children heard a thing. *(Clifford Webb writes).*

Two readily available accessories would have prevented this – thief-proof wheel nuts or an intruder alarm system of the type which shrieks a warning if a car is moved without first using the disarming key. My neighbour chose the former solution for his replacement wheels.

That will make him more popular with other residents on the estate because tempers have been rather frayed lately by "rogue" car alarms. One in particular went off so frequently for no apparent reason that its owner disconnected it.

But his unpopularity before taking this drastic action was nothing to that of the car driver whose alarm went off at the Ryder Cup golf match between Europe and America and continued to sound for several hours. This much resented interruption would have been bad enough even if the car had been on one of the distant car parks. It was in fact parked not far from the tenth green.

Discussing this with a representative of one of the major car makers, I was told: "Unfortunately the frequency with which alarms go off for the wrong reason is giving the whole business of car security a bad name. The biggest culprit is the cheap alarm system usually based on a simple pendulum trigger. Move the car for any reason – a passing lorry, an aircraft landing, an accidental but minor bump in a car park and off it goes. What is even more ridiculous is that too many systems do not have a time limit before cutting out. They stop only when the battery is flat. The tragedy is that all this is quite unnecessary today when for a few pounds more your car can be fitted with intelligent electronic systems capable of detecting the genuine intruder from the casual knock."



In any event, most car alarms are ignored by the public. Very few of us go rushing around the streets looking for the source of the noise. One solution which is attracting a lot of attention is the alarm which makes use of the large number of cars with cellular telephones fitted.

They can be programmed to call a telephone number and play a pre-recorded message if a thief strikes. The message can be changed quickly to include the location of the car at the time, its make and general description.

There is a snag however. The Department of Trade and Industry summed it up as follows: "We are concerned about the recent rapid growth in sales of non-approved radio car alarms. Installation of non-approved alarms is an offence as is their use. Only alarms of the type approved to the department's standards can be legally used. Alarms that operate on incorrect radio frequencies and fail to meet DTI standards, may have the potential to cause interference. Although the interference risk may be small, the Radio Investigation Service reserves the right to prosecute users if interference is caused."

A list of approved vehicle alarm systems is available from DTI offices.

More than 1.5 million cars are broken into or stolen in Britain each year. They account for 25 per cent of all recorded crime and, according to the Automobile Association, there is a one-in-10 chance that you will be a victim. Unlike the popular concept, the professional thief seldom comes equipped with special tools or even a bunch of keys. His favoured instrument is a small, sharp pointed hammer with which he punches a hole in a window to gain access to the interior door release.

He can be deterred by the increasing use of dead-locks on car doors – a substantial bolt which shoots across securing the door to the car frame and can only be released using the specially cut key. Climbing through a shattered window is not for the slick car thief. He might end up trapped.

But most auto-crime is committed by opportunist amateurs looking for something to steal or transport for a joy ride. The latter can be thwarted by a simple hidden ignition switch.

Steering wheel and gear lever hook locks are a very visible deterrent. Etching the car registration number on to windows is relatively inexpensive.

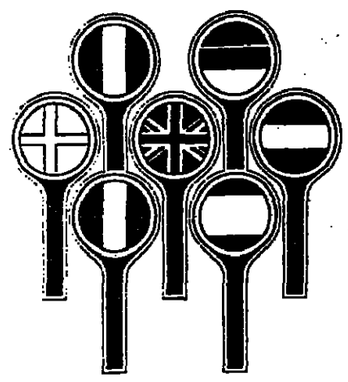
But the plain truth is that nothing will guarantee the security of your car. On the other hand, a few precautions can make life more difficult for criminals.

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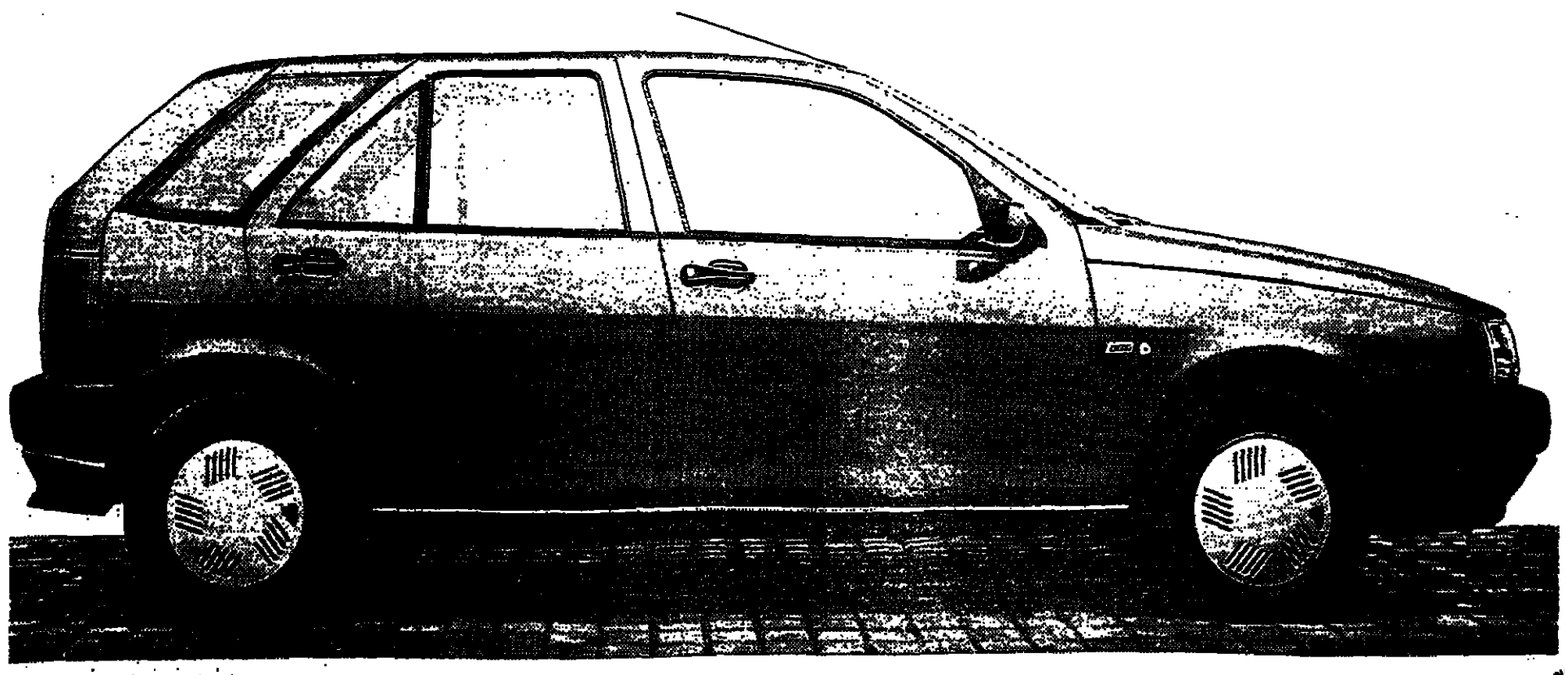
In fact 38 of the journalists placed the Tipo top, including all 7 of the British judges.

Exactly how they judged the cars is secret, but we do know that they preferred the Tipo to the BMW 5 series, the Renault 19, the Vauxhall Cavalier, the Volvo 440, and the VW Passat.

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MALAYSIA
HEAD

The Founders of Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar invite applications for the Headship.

The School, which will be the first Independent Boarding School in Malaysia, will be bilingual. Malay and English, and will take its first pupils in December 1990. It will eventually provide education for 600 boys and girls aged between 11 and 18.

Candidates should have experience of a Headship or post of near equivalent responsibility. A knowledge of the ASEAN world and/or experience of teaching in more than one country would be an advantage.

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For further details, please write to:

Miss Jane Beddow
Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar
C/o The Centre for British Teachers
Quality House, Quality Court,
Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HP

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Merseyside, WA12 8RS.
Telephone: 0925 - 224899.

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THE BRITISH ACADEMY
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Academy invites applications for 30 postdoctoral fellowships, tenable for three years from October 1990 in a U.K. university or polytechnic. This scheme is to enable scholars ordinarily resident in the U.K. and normally under the age of 30 to pursue mature research and gain teaching experience. Further details and application forms (to be returned by 19 January) from the Secretary, The British Academy, 20-21 Cornwall Terrace, London NW1 4QP, tel: (01) 487-5966.

BIRMINGHAM

On the retirement of Mr G Sanders MBE, BA

The Governors invite applications for the Appointment preferably from 25th April 1990 or alternatively from 1st September 1990, of

HEAD
of
King Edward VI Five Ways School

A Voluntary Aided Grammar School for Boys
(Group 10: Roll 626 including 172 in the mixed Sixth Form)

The School, serving the whole of Birmingham, is one of five selective aided schools in the King Edward VI Foundation. It is situated within its own attractive and extensive grounds Bartley Green - an area to the South West of the City Centre. The Governors are seeking a well-qualified Graduate with proven management ability to maintain and develop this highly successful school.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from:

Mr John Collins
Clerk to the Governors, Foundation Office,
Schools of King Edward the Sixth in Birmingham
Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2UD

The closing date for applications is 15th November.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
LECTURER (2 posts)

Applications are invited for the above posts available from 1 January 1990 or a later date to be agreed. Candidates should be able to undertake a major responsibility for European Community Law for one of the posts (ref. 41/26) and for Property Law (particularly Land Law) for the other (ref. 41/27)

Salary on the Scale for Lecturer Grade A (£10,458 - £15,372) or Grade B (£16,014 - £20,469) according to qualifications and relevant experience.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor W.V.H. Rogers (0532-335011)

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from, and completed applications forwarded to, The Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT (tel (0532) 333969 - direct line), quoting the appropriate reference. Closing date for applications 10 November 1989.

NEW HALL SCHOOL CHELMSFORD — ESSEX

New Hall is a Roman Catholic Girls Boarding and Day school.
Girls of other denominations are welcomed

ENTRANCE PROCEDURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1990:
Boarding and Day places will be allocated in the following age-groups 11+ (main entry); 12+; 13+; 14+; 16+;

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For full prospectus and appointment to visit the school and meet The Headmistress, please telephone:

The Registrar, New Hall School, Chelmsford - (0245) 467588

ETON COLLEGE
Junior Scholarships for Boys at Primary Schools.

Up to four scholarships are offered to boys who will be over ten and under eleven years of age on 1 September 1990 and who are currently attending a country or voluntary school.

After two (or three) years at a selected preparatory school, either as a day boy or boarder, a Junior Scholar takes up a reserved place at Eton. Financial assistance will be provided according to need (up to the value of full fees if necessary), to pay for both preparatory school education and Eton.

The Junior Scholarship Examination will be held at Eton on Saturday, 3 February and the closing date for applications is Monday, 8 January.

Application forms and further particulars of Junior Scholarships may be obtained from: The Registrar,, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6DB.

ETON COLLEGE
Sixth Form Scholarships for boys at Maintained Schools

Up to four scholarships are offered to boys take GCSE in the summer of 1990 from maintained secondary schools.

These awards are tenable for two years during which their holders study three subjects to Advanced level. Financial assistance will be provided according to need (up to the value of full fees if necessary).

The Sixth Form Scholarship Examination will be held at Eton on Friday, 9 February and Saturday, 10 February; the closing date for applications is Saturday, 20 January.

Application forms and further particulars of Sixth Form Scholarships may be obtained from: The Head Master's Secretary, Eton College, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6DW.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHOIR

The Cathedral will be holding voice trials on November 11th and in 1990 on March 17th for boys aged between 8 and 10. Education at the Minster School is free and help is given with boarding fees. The choir sings every day and leads a vigorous and rewarding existence.

Details from: The Headmaster, Minster School, Nottingham Road, Southwell, Notts NG25 OHG. (0636-814000)

BRYANSTON SCHOOL
Dorset
SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIPS
for entry in September 1990

Two Academic and two Music Scholarships will be awarded to boys and girls of exceptional merit seeking admission to the Sixth Form of this fully co-educational school. The Scholarship examinations will be held at Bryanston on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th November 1989 and the awards will be worth up to 66% of current boarding fees. Closing date for applications: 31st October 1989.

For prospectus and application form please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Bryanston School, Blandford, Dorset DT11 0PX or telephone (0258) 452411 for further details.

FELIXSTOWE COLLEGE SIXTH FORM ENTRANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS

Examinations and interviews will be held at the school of November 11th and November 12th. Scholarships of an annual value of up to full fees are available including one Scholarship for the Creative and Practical Arts.

All applications should be received by November 1st 1989. Full details are available from:

The Registrar, Felixstowe College, Felixstowe, Suffolk. IP11 7NQ.

ARDVRECK SCHOOL
(IAPS CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING SCHOOL, 150 PUPILS)
HEAD

The Governors of Ardvreck invite applications for the above post for September 1990. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Governors, Ardvreck, Crieff, Perthshire, PH7 4EX.

The closing date for applications is 5th November 1989

BURSAR
NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Nottingham High School is a leading Independent Day School for Boys, with some 1000 pupils, and a member of the Headmasters' Conference. The present Bursar will retire in the summer of 1990 and a new Bursar will be required to take up office during the Summer Term 1990.

Duties include the management of the day to day finances of the School, budgeting and reporting to the Governing Body, and supervision of buildings, Playing Fields, equipment and all non-academic Staff. The Bursar is responsible to the Governing Body but is expected to maintain close liaison with the Headmaster.

Candidates aged 35-50, should have a financial background or qualification together with experience of computerised systems and management of Staff.

Salary will be based on qualifications and experience.

Further details may be obtained on application in writing to: The Clerk to the Governors, Nottingham High School, 84 Friar Lane, Nottingham, NG1 6ED.

The closing date for application is Friday, 17th November.

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE
DIRECTOR OF STUDIES
Required for September 1990

Please apply by letter with CV and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees to:

The Headmaster,
Cheltenham College, Bath Road,
Cheltenham, GL53 7LD.

Closing date for applications:
1st November 1989

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
DEPARTMENT OF FINE ART
HENRY MOORE LECTURESHIP IN SCULPTURE STUDIES

Applications are invited for the above post, available initially for a fixed period of five years commencing 1 April 1990. This post requires an appropriately qualified person, with a strong interest in twentieth century sculpture, to take a prominent role in the teaching of the newly established M.A. in Sculpture Studies and to teach in existing undergraduate schemes within the department.

Salary on the scale for Lecturer Grade A or B (£10458 -£15372 or £16014 - £20469) according to qualifications and relevant experience

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from, and completed applications forwarded to, the Registrar, the University, Leeds LS2 9TJ, quoting reference no. 4/2. Closing date for applications 3 November 1989.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
HERTFORD COLLEGE
Tutorial Fellowship in Medieval English Literature

The College invites applications for an Official Fellowship and Tutorship in English with effect from 1 October 1990. The person appointed will be expected to teach Old English, Middle English Literature, and the History, theory and use of the English Language. The rate of University Lecturer (CUF) may be conferred upon the holder of the Fellowship but the full stipend associated with such a lectureship and Fellowship will be met by the College unless or until the holder of the post is appointed to a stipendiary University Lectureship (CUF). Further particulars may be obtained from the Principal's Secretary, Hertford College, Oxford OX1 3BW to whom applications should be sent not later than 31 October 1989

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FELLOWSHIPS

NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD
Sir Christopher Cox Junior Fellowship
(Re-advertisement with extended eligibility)

Applications are invited for this Fellowship, tenable with effect from 1 October 1990, which is confined to candidates who will not at the time of taking it up have exceeded nine terms from their first degree. The Fellow will be expected to undertake research in a field of his or her choice, and to play a pastoral role in relation to undergraduates. The present Fellow, who is a woman, acts as the Tutor for Women, and the College welcomes applications from female candidates prepared to undertake this role. Application forms and further particulars are available from The Fellows' Secretary, New College, Oxford OX1 3BN (Tel: 0865 279552, Fax: 0865 279590). Applications must reach her by 8 December 1989; and candidates should also ask two referees to send testimonials directly, by the same date. New College is an equal opportunity employer.

RESEARCH POSTS

UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY
Electronic Engineering Laboratories
Research Associate/Research Fellow

Applications are invited for two posts, funded by SERC and the MOD to work on a project concerned with the development of computer aided design tools for mixed-mode simulation of analogue/digital Gallium Arsenide integrated circuits.

Applicants for the post of Research Associate should have a good honours degree in Computer Science, Electronic Engineering or other related subject. The salary will be on the RA1B Scale (£9,816 - £12,381). (Reference Number A90/10). Applicants for the post of Research Fellow should hold or be on the point of completing a PhD in a relevant area. The salary will be on the RA1A scale (£10,458 - £16,665 pa) (Reference A90/13).

Both posts are both available immediately for 3 years.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from Mr J.E. Reilly, Secretary of Faculties and Deputy Registrar, The Registry, University of Kent at Canterbury, CT2 7NZ, quoting the appropriate reference number A90/10. The closing date for applications is 7th November 1989.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Glaxo Research Scholarships

For the year 1990/91 Glaxo Group Research Limited will award six special Research Scholarships for study in British Universities leading to the degree of PhD.

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These scholarships will be open to competition, and potential students should apply through their prospective University Supervisor. Each candidate will be required to submit an essay of about 3900 words on their proposed subject of study. These will be judged by senior members of Glaxo Group Research's scientific staff.

Applications, which should include brief details of the student and the proposed project, should be submitted through University Supervisors to Glaxo Group Research by 9th December 1989; essays from students should be submitted by 10th January 1990. Please address all correspondence regarding the scheme to the Director of External Scientific Affairs, Glaxo Group Research Limited, Greenford Road, Greenford, Middlesex UB6 OHE, from whom further details are available if required.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS
Department of Moral Philosophy
READER/SENIOR LECTURER/ LECTURER

Applications are invited for one or two new posts tenable from October 1990 at the level of Reader, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer.

There are two Philosophy Departments at the University of St Andrews; the Department of Moral Philosophy teaches a wide range of philosophical topics at undergraduate and postgraduate level in the areas of philosophy of law, aesthetics, philosophy of action, philosophy of history, philosophy of mind, moral philosophy, political philosophy and the history of philosophy as well as ethics in the narrower sense. For a senior post an established record of teaching and research in at least one of these fields is an essential qualification; at a junior level, it would be desirable, but applications will also be welcomed from philosophers who have not previously specialized in these fields but intend a change of interests.

Co-operation with the Department of Logic and Metaphysics is close and the two Philosophy Departments share many facilities.

Starting salary will be within the ranges Lecturer Grade A (£10,458 to £15,372 per annum), Lecturer Grade B (£16,014 to £20,469 per annum) or Senior Lecturer and Reader (£21,489 to £24,285 per annum).

Further particulars and application forms are available from the Director of Personnel Services, The University, College Gate, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9AJ to whom applications should be sent to arrive no later than 27th November 1989.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS, COMPUTING AND ECONOMICS
CHAIR IN ECONOMICS

The University wishes to appoint a Professor of Economics preferably with effect from 1 February 1990, but the starting period can be negotiated. Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor R. A Hart, Division of Economics (Tel. 0786 73171, Extension 2638).

Salary will be within the professorial range.

Further particulars are available from and applications should be received by The University Secretary, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA (Tel. 0786 73171 Ext 2250) by 13th November 1989

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
New Academic Appointment Scheme
Department of Physics

The University intends to make a permanent academic appointment from January 1990 to a Lectureship in Condensed Matter Physics (previously IPB/290). The appointment will be made in the general area of the microstructural properties of new materials with particular emphasis on fabrication and processing. Salary on the scale £10,458 - £15,372 on the Lecturer Grade A scale.

Applications (an duplicate) stating age, qualifications, and including the names and addresses of three referees should be sent to the Registrar, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH not later than 2 November 1989. Please quote reference CYF/1.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
CHAIR IN LATIN

The University invites applications for the Chair in Latin, following the retirement of Professor W.J.N. Rudd.

Suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit applications, including the names of three referees, not later than 24th November, 1989. Further particulars of the appointment may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH. Please quote reference HGT.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
SCHOOL OF HUMAN SCIENCES
CHAIR IN EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the Chair in Education which is to be filled as soon as possible. The Chair becomes vacant upon the retirement of Professor J H Dufton.

The successful candidate will be expected to have a professional teaching qualification recognised by the General Teaching Council. Preference will be given to a candidate with a proven research record. Informal enquiries may be made to Professor C Turner, Deputy Principal (Tel. 0786 73171, Extension 2013).

Salary will be within the professorial range. Further particulars are available from the University Secretary, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA. Ext 2250, to whom applications should be sent by 13 November 1989.

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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD SOMERVILLE COLLEGE
TUTORIAL FELLOWSHIP IN GERMAN

The College proposes to elect a Tutorial Fellow in German, with effect from October 1990. The title of University Lecturer (CUF) will be conferred upon the holder of the Fellowship. Applications are invited from those specialising in medieval German literature and German Linguistics and Philology. Under its statutes the College can admit only women as Fellows. Closing date for applications: 30 November 1989.

TUTORIAL FELLOWSHIP IN LAW

The College proposes to elect a second Tutorial Fellow in Law, preferably from October 1990. The title of University Lecturer (CUF) may be conferred upon the holder of the Fellowship the full stipend associated with such a lectureship will be met by the College. The title may at a later date be converted into a stipendiary University post. Under its statutes the College can admit only women as Fellows. Closing date for applications: 29 November 1989.

Particulars of both appointments from the Principal's Secretary, Somerville College, Oxford OX2 6HD

University of St Andrews Department of Economics
LECTURSHIP IN ECONOMETRICS

Applications are invited for appointment to a lectureship in Econometrics. It is hoped to fill the post by 1 October 1990 or possible earlier.

The salary will be on either the Lecturer Grade A (£10,458 to £15,372 per annum) or the Lecturer Grade B (£16,014 to £20,469 per annum) scale.

Further particulars and application forms are available from the Director of Personnel Services, The University, College Gate, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9AJ to whom applications should be sent to arrive not later than 14 November 1989.

Principal Masterton New Zealand

Applications are invited for the position of Principal of St Matthew's Collegiate School for Girls, Masterton, New Zealand. Duties will commence in May 1990.

St Matthew's is a leading independent girls' school which commences from Form 1 and is a part of the Trinity Schools which also include Hadlow, Rathkeale and the Trinity Senior College. There are 292 girls, 142 of whom are boarders. The Trinity Schools are of Anglican foundation.

Full details of the school, conditions of appointment and application forms are available from:

The Bursar,
Trinity Schools Trust Board,
P.O. Box 107, Masterton,
New Zealand.
Fax: NZ (059) 83214

Applications will close on 15 November, 1989.

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In the first instance this will be a temporary appointment for two terms which would become a permanent appointment.

Applicants should apply in writing with full CV and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees to The Headmistress, Miss E M Tucker at the above address.

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Applications are invited from graduates in Economics interested in extending that discipline into Marketing within an academic environment. The Business School offers opportunities for development of research and teaching in international economics and marketing, industrial economics and market competition, and in industrial economics and business strategy. Candidates, who should be qualified graduates with either teaching and research backgrounds, or with relevant practical experience, must be able to work within the concept of an integrated Business School with expanding and entrepreneurial activities. Applications will also be welcomed from newly qualified graduates with a good first degree. Excellent opportunities will be provided for research, consultancy and collaboration with industry.

Terms of appointment and salaries

Lectureships: within and up to the maximum of the ranges
£10,458 to £15,372 per annum (Lecturer Grade A) or
£15,014 to £20,469 per annum (Lecturer Grade B)

Appointments will be for a period of three years initially, with the possibility of renewal or subsequent transfer to a continuing appointment.

Teaching Fellows
£9,816 to £24,285 - Other Related Grades 1-5
Appointments will be for a period of three years, with the possibility of renewal for a further period not exceeding three years.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, (Academic Staff), quoting Ref No. 8932/2, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7ET. Tel: 021-359 0870 (24 hour answer-phone).

Closing date for the receipt of applications is 24th November, 1989.

ASTON UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Applications are invited for the following

LECTURESHIPS

tenable from 1st April 1990:

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The successful applicant will play a vital part in enlarging the Institute's competence in the general area of public sector finance's management. Practical working experience, preferably in a developing country, and commitment to research essential. Knowledge of management information systems highly desirable.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The successful applicant will be involved in teaching on the Institute's range of Master's, diploma and short courses in the area of rural development, and in consultancy and research in the rural development area. He/she should be a graduate with several years' experience in the management of agricultural and rural development programmes, either at project, central government or NGO level.

In both cases, appointment will be for a two-years period in the first instance with the likelihood of conversion into a three-year rolling contract. Salary according to qualifications and experience in the range £10,458 - £15,372 or £16,014 - £20,469 p.a. Further particulars and application forms (returnable by 17 November 1989) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel. 061 275 2028). Quote ref. 248/89/. The University is an equal opportunities employer.

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Lecturer in
Accounting & Finance (NAAS)

The Department of Accounting and Finance wishes to appoint a Lecturer for a permanent post under this scheme, which is directed at younger entrants to the academic profession, from 1 January 1990, or as soon as possible thereafter.

There is a particular need to fill a post in the Management Accounting and Control area, but applicants with other interests will be considered. Potential candidates are encouraged to contact Professor D Otley on (0524) 65201, ext. 3636.

Salary will be on the Lecturer A scale (£10458-15372) or, exceptionally, on the Lecturer Grade B scale (£16014-20469 pa).

Further details and application form available from Personnel Services, (quoting reference no L 000747/A), University House, Lancaster LA1 4YW, where applications (5 copies) should be received by 17 November, 1989.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Professorship of Applied Statistics

The electors intend to proceed to an election to the Professorship of Applied Statistics, which falls vacant on 1 October 1990 by the retirement of Professor P. Armitage. The stipend of the professorship is at present £28,521.

Applications (ten copies, or one from overseas candidates), naming three referees, should be received not later than 11 December 1989 by the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

Faculty Lecturership in French

Applications are invited for the above post which is to be filled under the New Academic Appointments Scheme. This is a joint appointment with St. Peter's College. Preference will be given to specialists in medieval French literature.

Joint university and college stipend according to age on the scale £13,908 to £28,151.

Further particulars concerning the appointment and its scope may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages, 37 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JF, to whom completed applications should be sent by 30 November 1989.

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Assistant Registrar (Personnel) - up to £20,469

This post in the University Personnel Office, is responsible for the provision of personnel services to all groups of staff. Precise duties will depend to some extent on the experience and interests of the successful candidate, but a willingness to contribute across a broad spectrum of duties is essential.

Candidates should have a good honours degree, or an equivalent professional qualification and have some years of experience in personnel management. Salary will be at an appropriate point on the Administrative Grade 3 scale: £17,328 - £20,469 pa.

Further particulars and application forms from the Personnel Office, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. Telephone 0203 523627 quoting Ref 10/B/89/ (please mark clearly on envelope). Closing date for applications 15 November 1989.

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The University College of Wales Aberystwyth

LECTURESHIP IN SOVIET STUDIES

Applications are invited for a new lectureship in Soviet Studies in the Department of International Politics, which offers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in both international relations and political science. Applicants should have a particular interest in Soviet foreign policy, a solid background in Soviet government and politics, and a knowledge of the Russian language.

The appointment will date from 1 October 1990. It will be made on the Lecturer A scale (£10,458 - £15,372) or the Lecturer B scale (£16,014 to £20,469).

Application forms and further information on this position may be obtained from the Staffing Officer, University College of Wales, Old College, King Street, Aberystwyth, SY23 2AX (Tel 0970 622064). Closing date for applications 20 November 1989.

University of Sheffield

CENTRE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES

SENIOR LECTURESHIP/ LECTURESHIPS

The Centre for Japanese Studies is one of the largest departments of its kind in Western Europe, specialising in the study of modern Japanese language and society. As part of a major expansion, supported by the Department of Trade and Industry and by private sources, applications are invited for four posts of Lecturer, available from January 1990, or later by arrangement. One of these posts may be filled at Senior Lecturer level.

One post will be filled in Japanese Language. Candidates should have experience of teaching Japanese and research interests in language acquisition or a related field. The other three posts may be filled in any area of modern Japanese Studies, including business studies, politics, economics, law, international relations, modern history and linguistics. Applicants should possess native or near-native fluency in the Japanese language.

Salaries will be in the range £21,489 - £24,285 for the Senior Lectureship and £10,458 - £20,469 for the Lectureships, according to age, qualifications and experience.

Informal enquiries to:
Professor G. D. Hook, Centre for Japanese Studies (telephone 0742 768555 ext 4384; fax 0742 729479
Further particulars from Director of Personnel Services, The University, Sheffield, S10 2TN, UK
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SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES
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TRAINING FELLOWSHIP IN SOMALI AND AMHARIC

Applications are invited for a Training Fellowship in Somali and Amharic in the Department of the Languages and Cultures of Africa. During the tenure of the fellowship the appointee will be expected to prepare him/herself to teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the Somali language and to assist in the teaching of Amharic. It is envisaged that full time language study will be required, although the appointee will probably already have some formal qualifications in one of the two languages.

The successful candidate will be expected to demonstrate a scholarly interest in an aspect of contemporary Somali culture, and also a long term research interest.

The Fellowship will be tenable for two years, commencing 1 January 1990 or as soon thereafter as possible. Salary on the Lecturer A scale (£10,458-£11,736) plus £1,650 London Allowance and membership of Universities' Superannuation Scheme is invited.

Further particulars and application forms are available from The Secretary, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG. Applicants resident abroad may apply direct to the Secretary in letter form supported by a full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees. All applications should be submitted by 17 November 1989

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & MIDDLESEX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Required in the central administration of the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine. Duties include assisting the Secretary of the School in administering research funds and in the servicing of major policy committees. Applicants must be university graduates with a good honours degree and a high standard of literacy. Previous experience of committee work useful but not essential. Starting salary in the range £11,466 to £15,177 pa inc on a scale rising to £18,315 pa. Generous holidays.

Applications in the form of a full C.V., including the names and addresses of two referees, to Ms E. Luke, Deputy Secretary, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, Rising House Street, London, WC1 7PN. (01 380 9384) from whom further particulars are available. Closing date: 2 November 1989. Equal Opportunities Employer.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE New South Wales, Australia

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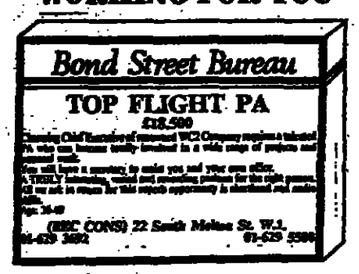
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Court of Appeal **Law Report October 16 1989** Chancery Division

Duty of litigant to seek discharge of injunction

Town and Country Building Society v Daisystar Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Farquharson

[Judgment August 10]

It was the duty of a litigant who obtained a *Mareva* injunction, to prevent the dissipation of assets within the jurisdiction of the court, to press on with his claim so that if he did not wish for any reason to proceed with his claim, even temporarily, then he ought of his own motion to seek the discharge of the injunction.

It was an abuse of process of the *Mareva* jurisdiction to obtain the injunction, then not get on with prosecuting the action, but to desire to hold the injunction and start prosecuting the action afresh if it appeared that there might be a prospect of getting security ahead of others through the use of the *Mareva* on assets which were not charged in favour of the litigant who held the *Mareva*.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the second defendant to a counterclaim, Mr Ibrahim Khan Raja, against the decision of Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, who on July 10, 1989 had dismissed Mr Raja's application for discharge of a *Mareva* injunction granted against him two years before by Mr Justice Scott.

Mr Peter J. Martin for Mr Raja; Mr Mark Blackett-Ord for plaintiff to the counterclaim, the Town and Country Building Society.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Mr Raja lived at 13 Windlesham Road, Brighton and was a property developer between 1985 and 1987. He controlled a number of companies, one of which was Daisystar Ltd.

Prior to the end of March 1986 Mr Raja was submitting mortgage applications to the building society apparently on behalf of a considerable number of Asian persons desiring to obtain mortgage advances to buy properties from Mr Raja or Daisystar.

Those mortgage advances were supported by reports on title and valuations, the reports on title being by a firm of solicitors called Davies, Brown & Co, whose offices were in Wimbledon and who were acting on behalf of the building society, Mr Raja and Daisystar.

The building society became suspicious in February 1986 and after inquiries it found that of some 84 mortgage applications, of which 42 were purportedly by borrowers employed by Mr Raja's companies, only six, being mortgages on flats in a property in Brighton called 64 Landsdowne Place resulted in the grant of leases to the mortgagors and the execution of mortgages in favour of the building society.

In all the other cases the building society sent money to Davies, Brown & Co on the faith of the applications and those moneys, some £2.5 million, had been released to Mr Raja without any security.

That aspect of the case cried out for full police investigation into what appeared to have been a large scale fraud on the building society. There was no police investigation because after the building society suspected what Mr Raja was doing there was an interview between the building society's in-house solicitor, Mr Cornelius, and Mr Raja.

It was agreed that the matter would not be referred to the police if Mr Raja would provide security for the moneys of the building society which he and Daisystar had. Mr Raja executed mortgages in favour of the building society on properties owned by hinself and Daisystar.

The action in which the counterclaim arose was begun by Daisystar in 1987. Until then, it had been the intention of the building society to rest content with the securities obtained from Mr Raja. The building society counterclaimed against Mr Raja and Daisystar.

On the basis of the counterclaim and on evidence, an *ex parte* injunction was obtained by the building society from the High Court. The impression his Lordship got was that the building society was content with the securities obtained through Mr Cornelius until the action was begun by Daisystar. It then launched the counterclaim and obtained the *Mareva*.

It was content with that position and did nothing to forward the action beyond serving the further and better particulars of the counterclaim through the end of 1987 and the first half of 1988.

It was then reinforced in its belief that Mr Raja was not worth pursuing and again did nothing but retain the benefit of the *Mareva*, until it suddenly occurred to the building society that there might be further money in the assets that were not mortgaged to the building society which might be tapped off if the building society relied sufficiently on its *Mareva* to monitor the movements of money.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was an abuse of the process of a *Mareva* injunction to obtain the injunction, then not get on with prosecuting the action; but then to desire to hold the injunction and start prosecuting the action afresh if it appeared that there might be a prospect of getting security ahead of others through the use of the *Mareva* on assets which were not the subject of any charge in favour of the litigant who held the *Mareva*. That was particularly glaring in the present case.

His Lordship did not think it right that a litigant who obtained a *Mareva* injunction, and in the light of information it obtained as a result of that *Mareva*, concluded that the party against whom the injunction was obtained was not worth pursuing, could then sit back without giving up the *Mareva* when challenged and have the injunction continued indefinitely.

The judge was plainly wrong in his exercise of discretion and the appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON, concurring, said that it was the duty of a litigant where a *Mareva* had been granted, to press on with his claim so that the other party was subject to the order for the minimum amount of time necessary and not kept in limbo.

If such a litigant did not for any reason wish to proceed with his claim, even temporarily, then he ought of his own motion to seek the discharge of the injunction from the court.

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Presumption of regularity assists plaintiff discharge burden of proof

Calder Gravel Ltd v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council

The presumption of regularity (*omnia praesumuntur rite esse acta*) assisted the plaintiff in discharging the burden of proof to establish that there had been a valid grant of planning permission in 1946 to develop a 60-acre site and build 600 houses thereon, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, stated in the Chancery Division on October 13 granting the declaration on the plaintiff's summons.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the plaintiff was obliged to prove that written notice of the planning authority's resolution to grant planning permission was given to the applicant within two months of the planning authority's resolution made on June 6, 1946, pursuant to section 2(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act 1943. There would otherwise have been a deemed refusal of the planning permission.

The document could not be found and neither side could prove on the balance of probabilities that it did or did not exist. Therefore the outcome of the case turned on the burden of proof which was on the plaintiff.

In certain cases the law raised a presumption that *omnia praesumuntur rite esse acta* (all things are presumed to be correctly done). As so few people spoke Latin nowadays his Lordship proposed to call this the presumption of regularity.

The presumption of regularity lay behind, for example, the doctrine of lost modern grant in the context of easements. It also justified the assumption, as here, that a statutory authority had acted lawfully and in accordance with its statutory powers, particularly where all parties had proceeded on that basis for over 40 years.

Adopting a registrar's reasoning

Rae v Yorkshire Bank plc

A judge hearing an appeal from a district registrar's order striking out an action was entitled in his judgment to adopt the reasoning of the registrar without setting it out himself.

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The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith) so held on October 11, when dismissing an appeal by Mr Christopher D. Rae from an order of Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, that had upheld the decision of a district registrar striking out his action against Yorkshire Bank plc.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that *Evans v Bartlam* ([1937] AC 473) established that the judge when hearing an appeal from the district registrar had to exercise the discretionary jurisdiction *de novo*. The judge had said that he had no doubt that Mr Rae's statement of claim should be struck out for the reasons given by the registrar. By so doing the judge could not be said to have failed to exercise his own discretion in the matter.

It was unnecessary for the judge to set out his reasons for upholding the registrar's order. He was entitled to adopt for himself the grounds given by the registrar in a careful, written judgment.

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RUGBY UNION: CARDIFF MAINTAIN THEIR BEST TRADITIONS AGAINST VISITORS WHO LEAVE THEIRS BEHIND IN THE LOCKER-ROOM

All Black magic rhythm missing

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Cardiff 15
New Zealanders 25

"We play for 80 minutes," Wayne Shelford said. "By half-time the game's not over. We just keep plugging away until the rhythm comes."

Since New Zealand teams have been doing just that for the past 80 years and more, it was no surprise that, for all Cardiff's gallantry and commitment, they lost the opening game of the All Blacks tour at the National Stadium on Saturday by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a goal and three penalties.

They did so, moreover, on a mild afternoon when various parts of New Zealand's game were not in harmony: the scrum took some time to settle, Bachop's pass is not a thing of great beauty on this showing, Schuster seemed uncertain at second five-eighth and Fox, of all people, missed some goals he would normally tap over with his eyes closed.

They even contrived to throw away a try in the first half with a 4-1 overlap, when all Brewer had to do was keep running; if he had not scored, his support would have.

But nothing should detract from Cardiff's effort which was entirely in keeping with their best traditions. The survivors of the 1953 club side which beat New Zealand, who dined together on Friday evening, must have watched proudly from the stand as, for an hour, the present generation held the lead in a game where few gave them a prospect of winning.

Their advantage might have been greater had Evans rather than Rayer started as first-choice goalkicker, for the full back who played so well in other respects missed two first-half penalties from close range.

But their players ought to be convinced by this game that a successful season is within them, even if they now lose Booth, their scrum half, to Cambridge University until December. Their lineout, without the injured Norster, was overwhelmed but they reacted so well to New Zealand mistakes that they spent far more time in the opposing half than the weight of possession warranted.

Collins, living on the offside line and sometimes over it, showed that his international shelf life may be far from over and there was exceptional support from his forward colleagues.

Cardiff scored, too, a thoroughly good try which had a hint of New Zealand about it: Rayer burst on to set-piece ball, Collins took it up and Edwards crashed over to give his club a 9-3 interval lead. But the All Blacks knew they had a tight game to fall back on: with Jones, the youngster, and Pierce dominating the lineout, the familiar dark cloud drove down the pitch, doing what the French have been working so hard to emulate.

Cardiff never wilted but the rumbling maul uses up defenders until there is nothing left: so Loe's try at the posts gave his team the lead for the first time and Whetton, from Kirwan's blind-side intrusion, extended it.

Even then Cardiff refused to be browbeaten. Evans's goal-kicking took them to 18-15 before Fox kicked his third penalty and a set-piece move behind a lineout put Ridge into space, the full back giving Brewer the try.

If Cardiff can take heart from their efforts, so may other teams in Wales, with the proviso, of course, that the All Blacks will get better aftera service this week to check the nuts and bolts of the machine. Jones, all 6ft 7in of him, had a thoroughly good first appearance as an All Black.

Of the other newcomers, Innes suffered from uncertainty elsewhere but Ridge, without being over-used in attack, was immensely dependable under the high ball. We can be certain, though, that mistakes made on Saturday will be analysed and will not be repeated.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Try: Edwards. Conversion: Rayer. Penalty goals: Evans (2) Rayer. New Zealanders: Tries: Loe, Whetton, Brewer. Conversions: Fox (2). Penalty goals: Fox (3).

CARDIFF: M Rayer; C Thomas, M Ring, G John, S Ford; D Evans, A Booth; J Whitefoot, I Watkins, D Young, T Crothers (captain), M Rowley, H Stone, R Collins, M Edwards.

NEW ZEALANDERS: M Ridge; J Kirwan, C Innes, J Schuster, T Wright; G Fox, G Bachop; R Williams, S Fitzpatrick, R Loe, A Whetton, M Pierce, I Jones, M Brewer, W Shelford (captain).

Referee: R Megson (Scotland).



ANTHONY PHELPS

The All Black cloud rolls again: Whetton, the New Zealand forward, casts his formidable shadow over friends and foe as he leads another charge at Cardiff

Oxford's party enlivened by guests

By David Hands

Oxford University 33
Continental Airlines XV 30

Invitation games sometimes go astray but Oxford University's celebration of their 120th season at Iffley Road yesterday never did, thanks to the commitment of their guests to the day's other cause, GOAL, the Irish-based charity. The result was in doubt until the final moment, Oxford's victory coming from five goals and a penalty goal against the all-international Continental Airlines XV's three goals and three tries.

The two over-forties in the guest pack, Wheeler and Ripley, must have shuddered at the pace of the opening spell; Clive Norling declined to blow his whistle as both sides moved the ball wide, the one with youthful exuberance the other perhaps with memories of what was rather than what is.

Nevertheless the experience of the international forwards enabled them to deny the students much of the loose possession. Thus the visitors ran up a 22-6 lead in almost as many minutes after James, the American prop, had given Oxford the initial lead. Much of it had to do with the pace of Underwood, who first of all beat the Oxford cover over 80 metres and then pounced on MacNeill's kick ahead and made the touch down.

In between Francis strode away to complete the good approach work of Poidevin and the ebullient Dengra, and Smith turned up on the "wrong" wing to support Underwood. By the interval however, Oxford were ahead: they had already tried a variation of the Australian 'up-the-jumper' penalty for their first try and now sent Coker over from a more straightforward variety.

Smith's chip and gather gave Hein a try and Oxford's fourth earned Stileman a popular score and a 24-22 advantage. The pace slackened, mercifully perhaps, after the interval but Roberts, the Leicester hooker who replaced the injured Calcraft, supported Mullin's break and Smith was reduced to kicking a penalty to restore Oxford's lead before James, with his second try, sealed matters.

SCORERS: Oxford University: Tries: James (2), Coker, Hein, Stileman. Conversions: Smith (5). Penalty: Smith. Continental Airlines XV: Tries: Underwood (2), Francis, Smith, Roberts, Poidevin. Conversions: Andrew (3).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: K Bray (Rockhampton GS Queensland and Mansfield); G Hein (Berkeley California and St Anne's), J Elliot (Ampleforth and St Anne's), D Curtis (Falcon College, Zimbabwe, and St Anne's), *D Cook (St John's Leatherhead and Christ Church); *B Smith (Brisbane State HS and St Anne's), S Taylor (Whitgift and University); A Jones (Brisbane State HS and St Anne's), *E Nanitz (SA College, Cape Town and University), D James (Berkeley, and St Anne's), *M Egan (Terenure College, Dublin and St Anne's), *P Stileman (Wellington College and Wycliffe Hall), J Fenwick (Knox GS, Sydney and St Anne's), W van der Merwe (Grey College, Bloemfontein and St Anne's), *T Coker (St Paul's Brisbane and Lady Margaret Hall).

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES XV: *H MacNeill (Ireland); *B Smith (England), *B Mullin (Ireland), C Woodward (England), R Underwood (England); *R Andrew (England), *D Kirk (New Zealand); E Rodriguez (Australia), P Wheeler (England), S Dengra (Argentina), S Poidevin (Australia), R Reynolds (Australia), N Francis (Ireland), *W Calcraft (Australia) (rep, H Roberts, Leicester), A Ripley (England).

Referee: C Norling (Wales).

Mercurial display by Davies

By Owen Jenkins

Bridgend 24
Cambridge University . 29

Bridgend outscored the Light Blues by six tries to three but few spectators would deny that Cambridge deserved their victory. Inspired by a marvellous performance by stand-off half Adrian Davies, who contributed 21 points, the visitors were by far the sharper and hungrier for the loose ball. Bridgend lacked commitment and the drive which brought them that spectacular win against Wales just two weeks ago.

While Bridgend missed all six conversions and a penalty, Davies succeeded with six out of nine attempts as Cambridge played with great spirit and won more than their fair share of lineout ball thanks to Thomas and O'Callaghan.

Cambridge, far more imaginative, could even afford to throw away some excellent scoring chances and twice dropped the ball over the try line. The home side were more powerful but were outwitted as Cambridge did to Bridgend what Bridgend had done to Wales.

Cambridge regained their composure well after Webbe had put Bridgend into an early lead against the run of play. Evans scored another try but 15 points from Davies (two penalties, a dropped goal and a converted try) and a Reed try put them into a well-deserved interval lead.

Bridgend scored four further tries in the second period but their revival was not accompanied by accurate kicking. Davies handed his home town side an object lesson in this department and added two penalties to a try by the full back Buzza to seal things.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Tries: Webbe (2), Evans, Ellis, Bevan, Martin. Cambridge University: Tries: Reed, Davies, Buzza. Conversions: Davies (2). Penalties: Davies (4). Dropped Goal: Davies.

BRIDGEND: A Martin; G Webbe, L Evans, A Payne, R Diplock; A Williams, B Roache (replacement: K Ellis); M Griffiths, H Bevan, C Connolly, J Berrington, W Matthews, P Yardley, O Williams, J Cooper.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A Buzza (Redruth CS and Hughes Hall); S Bell (Edinburgh and Clare), N Steene (West Park and Robinson), F Reed (Oundle and Magdalene), G Davies (Pencoed CS and Magdalene); A Davies (Pencoed CS and Robinson), R Heap (Ipswich and Magdalene); J Foster (Magdalen CS and Robinson), J Ashworth (George Fox, Lancaster and Homerton), D Maidon-Jones (Marlborough and Magdalene), C Thomas (Downside and Hughes Hall), J O'Callaghan (Gonzaga and Sidney Sussex), R Peel-Jones (King's Macclesfield and Magdalene), J Wilby (QEGS and St Edmund's House), S Holmes (Cockermouth GS and St Edmund's House).

Referee: C Norling (Swansea).

Back knockout is Nottingham boost

By Peter Bills

Nottingham 25
Saracens 12

The tackle, 10 minutes into the second half, which knocked unconscious Neil Back, Nottingham's Jean Pierre Rives lookalike, woke up the rest of the Nottingham forwards with a jolt on Saturday.

Back, who plays with the same total disregard for personal safety as Rives always did, was so strong a force for Nottingham that the other forwards clearly felt they could afford to dine out on his physical expense account. But with the back row forward carried off, Nottingham's other forwards suddenly took charge.

Some of their drives downfield, in perfect unison, were not far removed from the style of the All Blacks.

Saracens, 15-6 behind at the interval, were riddled with unforced errors and took wrong options. They had much the best of the opening half hour, Clarke's first try cancelling out two early Hodgkinson penalties.

But the loss of Stock with bad shoulder bruising meant loose-head Leonard became a blind-side flanker. With the taller Mann replacing Back, Nottingham's supply line from the back of the lineout was enhanced.

A Saracens lineout throw went horribly wrong, Back taking the ball and driving to the line where Hackney scored unopposed. Another lapse in concentration handed Hodgkinson his third goal of the half

More gifts were offered and accepted in the second half, notably when McFarland won his second tight head and rose, mortified, to see Rees, suspiciously offside, scoring 35 yards behind him.

SCORERS: Nottingham: Tries: Hackney, Byrom, Rees. Conversions: Hodgkinson (2). Penalty goals: Hodgkinson (3). Saracens: Tries: Clarke (2). Conversions: Kennedy (2).

NOTTINGHAM: S Hodgkinson; S Hackney, S Potter, G Hartley, R Byrom; A Sutton, B Gabriel; L Johnson, B Moore, A Shepherd, N Back (rep: P Mann), C Gray (captain), D Hindmarch, G Rees, M Charles.

SARACENS: S Robinson; A Kennedy, J Buckton, L Smith, D McLagan; B Rudling, F Steadman (captain); J Leonard, J McFarland, C Roberts, D Stock (rep: R Andrews), R Malone, L Adamson, A Phillips, B Clarke.

Referee: R Quittenton (Sussex Society).

Just the tonic for a convalescent

By Michael Stevenson

Orrell 33
Leicester 10

Des Seabrook, the chairman of rugby at Orrell, who is recovering from a mild heart attack, will have been cheered by this first division victory by four goals and three penalties to a try, a penalty and a drop goal. Leicester led 10-3 after 29 minutes; but their defence, which had often seemed convalescent, sickened swiftly.

After Liley and Strett had exchanged penalties, Leicester contributed the best try of the match. Rory Underwood flipped an inside pass to Liley from the left wing; he fed Povoas, and a vintage movement, with Ian Smith and Roberts prominent, ended with a great try on the right wing by Tony Underwood.

Harris's neat dropped goal stretched Leicester's lead before an incisive straight break by the powerful Wynn scythed through the centre. He might have scored himself but the huge Kimmins was at his shoulder and he plunged over.

Wright fashioned Orrell's second try with a crisp blind-side break. He fed Halsall, took his return pass and Manley stormed over for Strett again to convert from wide out, his penalty making it 18-10 at the interval.

Strett scored a third penalty before Wright, Manley, Wright again and the capable Hayter drove and handled fluently to make a second try for Manley, which Strett converted.

Leicester tried to run the ball but it was Orrell who scored. A quick shimmy down the blind side again and a high kick to the line foxed the Leicester defence, and Wright himself, following up like a demon, won the touchdown to crown a magnificent performance with a try, which Langford converted.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Manley (2), Kimmins, Wright. Penalty goals: Strett (3). Conversions: Strett (3), Langford. LEICESTER: Try: T Underwood. Dropped goal: Harris. Penalty goal: Liley.

ORRELL: S Taberner; N Heslop, S Langford, I Wynn, P Halsall; M Strett, C Wright; M Hynes, N Hitchen, D Southern (captain), P Manley, R Kimmins, M Glynn, S Hayter, C Cusani.

LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, P Dodge, I Bates, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; S Redfern, H Roberts, W Richardson, J Wells, A Gissing, T Smith, I Smith (captain), S Povoas.

Referee: B Stirling (Irish RFU).

Wasps are getting Taylor's message

By Bryan Stiles

Wasps 29
Gloucester 4

Mark Taylor pretends he is in no hurry to get some trophies into Wasps' bare cupboard — perhaps next spring will do. Wasps have played the role of bridesmaid so often another year's wait will not come amiss.

In reality he cannot wait to coach Wasps to success in the Courage Clubs Championship or the Pilkington Cup, or both. After this resounding victory he must feel confident that this could be Wasps' year.

The tough-minded New Zealander has demanded a more dedicated approach. He also wants to do away with what he calls "Mickey Mouse fixtures" against weak opposition, which ill-prepare his team

He is calling for matches against the likes of Neath and Agen to condition his players properly between league games and cannot wait for the number of league fixtures to be doubled.

He has probably the best back division in the country and a pack that is developing into an extremely effective unit. Their tactical plan, to play against the stiff breeze in the first half and contain the fearsome Gloucester pack, worked perfectly and they won in some style by one goal, five tries and a penalty to one try.

Gloucester, unbeaten in the league and with the scalp of Bath, the champions, hanging on their belt, secured commanding territorial advantage in the first half but did not use the wind effectively enough.

They scored in the third minute when Etheridge, their lineout beacon, set up the move which ended with Gadd claiming an unconverted try. Ryan put Wasps on level terms just before the interval, with a pushover try.

The second half belonged to Bailey and Andrew. The stand-off's splendid use of the high ball ruined the afternoon for Mansell, a stand-in full back, and created positions from which Bailey collected three tries with some quite stunning finishing.

Bailey also played a leading role in creating the final try for Smith. Wasps' other try came from Pegler after Andrew had taken a quick tap penalty.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Ryan, Pegler, Bailey (3), Smith. Conversions: Andrew. Penalty goal: Andrew. Gloucester: Try: Gadd.

WASPS: S Pilgrim; S Smith, F Clough, R Lozowski, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M White, C Pinnegar, S O'Leary, D Pegler, D Ryan.

GLOUCESTER: P Mansell; D Morgan, D Cummins, D Caskie, J Breeze; M Hamlin, L Gardiner; M Preedy, K Dunn, R Pascall, J Gadd, N Scrivens, J Etheridge, I Smith, B Clark.

Referee: C High (Manchester).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division

Bath 34 Rosslyn Park 6
Bath: Tries: Swift (2), Hall, Halliday, Barnes, Callard. Cons: Barnes (5). Rosslyn Park: Pens: Graves (2).

Bedford 8 Harlequins 71
Bedford: Tries: Harris, Cullen. Harlequins: Tries: Wedderburn (3), Pears (2), Glenister (2), Luxton (2), Molyneux (2), Skinner, Langhorn. Cons: Pears (8). Pen: Pears.

Moseley 10 Bristol 16
Moseley: Tries: Linnett, Robson. Con: Arntzen. Bristol: Tries: Knibbs, Hull. Con: Webb. Pens: Webb (2).

Nottingham 25 Saracens 12
Nottingham: Tries: Hackney, Byrom, Rees. Cons: Hodgkinson (2). Pens: Hodgkinson (3). Saracens: Tries: Clarke (2). Cons: Kennedy (2).

Orrell 33 Leicester 10
Orrell: Tries: Manley (2), Kimmins, Wright. Cons: Strett (3), Langford. Pens: Strett (3). Leicester: Try: A Underwood. Pen: Liley. Dropped goal: Harris.

Wasps 29 Gloucester 4
Wasps: Tries: Bailey (3), Smith, Ryan, Pegler. Con: Andrew. Pen: Andrew. Gloucester: Try: Gadd.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol	3	3	0	0	44	31	6
Harlequins	3	2	0	1	95	49	4
Bath	3	2	0	1	72	31	4
Wasps	3	2	0	1	67	28	4
Saracens	3	2	0	1	46	34	4
Rosslyn Park	3	2	0	1	35	49	4
Gloucester	3	2	0	1	33	47	4
Leicester	3	1	0	2	62	65	2
Orrell	3	1	0	2	51	37	2
Nottingham	3	1	0	2	40	38	2
Moseley	3	0	0	3	31	50	0
Bedford	3	0	0	3	14	153	0

LONDON: First division: Old Gaytonians 14, Ealing 21; Ruislip 14, US Portsmouth 7; Sidcup 9, Cheshunt 9; Streatham-Croydon 13, Old Alleynians 13; Sutton and Epsom 10, Lewes 3. Second division north: Eton Manor 25, Barking 10; Finchley 15, Grasshoppers 3; Old Albanians 17, Old Merchant Taylors 7; Thurrock 38, Ipswich 0; Woodford 28, Bishop's Stortford 9. Second division south: Dartfordians 0, Esher 7; Guildford and Godalming 37, Alton 6; Old Brockleians 3, Gravesend 49; Mid-Whitgiftians 21, Camberley 3; Worthing 22, Old Colfeians 8. Third division north east: Brentwood 15, Harlow 24; Chingford 38, West Norfolk 4; Colchester 33, Old Cantabrigians 10; Saffron Walden 4, Cambridge 32; Westcliff 20, Metropolitan Police (Chigwell) 6. Third division north west: Fullerians 7, Hemel Hempstead 28; Mill Hill 14, Welwyn 3; St Mary's Hospital 19, Upper Clapton 22; Tabard 32, Hertford 0; Twickenham 22, Kingsburians 31. Third division south east: Beckenham 13, Horsham 15; Gillingham Anchorians 15, Charlton Park 3; Hove 35, East Grinstead 4; Old Beccehamians 15, Old Juddian 13; Westcombe Park 11, Crawley 6. Third division south west: Old Guildfordians 12, Dorking 24; Old Walcountians 13, Purley 15; Old Whitgiftians 12, Guy's Hospital 13; Portsmouth 18, Old Reigatian 14; Southampton 0, KCS Old Boys 17.

MIDLANDS: First division: Barker's Butts 8, Leighton Buzzard 16; Birmingham and Solihull 25, Derby 4; Mansfield 16, Westleigh 6; Paviors 17, Hereford 21; Sutton Coldfield 21, Stockwood Park 12. Second division east: Matlock 9, Towcestrians 14; Scunthorpe 23, Lincoln 3; Stewart and Lloyds 19, Kettering 3; Stoneygate 6, Moderns 28; Vipers 13, Syston 3. Second division west: Bromsgrove 3, Wolverhampton 3; Camp Hill 34, Dudley Kingswinford 6; Dixonians 4, Burton 38; Newbold 9, Bedworth 14; Stafford 3, Keresley 8. East Midlands-Leicestershire: Bedford Athletic 30, Oadby Wyggestonians 7; Hinckley 6, Northampton Trinity 7; Long Buckby 25, Aylestone St James 4; Lutterworth 7, Belgrave 23; Wellingborough 28, Luton 4. Staffordshire and Warwickshire: First division: Handsworth 8, Old Longtonians 32; Leek 13, Coventry Welsh 10; Newcastle 20, Nuneaton OE 0; Tamworth 12, Leamington 11; Willenhall 20, Stratford on Avon 3. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Amber Valley 27, West Bridgford 6; Chesterfield 11, Southwell 0; East Retford 29, Stamford 7; Kesteven 0, Mellish 14. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth 22, Kidderminster Carolians 6; Evesham 12, Kings Norton 23; Luctonians 15, Shrewsbury 6; Newport 14, Aston OE 17; Worcester 15, Ludlow 0.

NORTH: First division: Bradford and Bingley 28, Birkenhead Park 3; Halifax 18, Hartlepool Rovers 7; Hull Ionians 6, Tynedale 3; Otley 13, Aspatria 6; Wigton 12, Middlesbrough 13. Second division: Alnwick 15, Sandal 9; Carlisle 18, West Park 12; Huddersfield 9, Widnes 4; New Brighton 9, Wharfedale 18; Rotherham 34, Lymm 9. North west: First division: Caldy 18, Chester 15; Cockermouth 13, Mid-Cheshire College 6; Egremont 7, Davenport 6; Rochdale 9, Wirral 10; Sandbach 22, Macclesfield 13. Second division: Manchester 24, Workington 6; Moresby 0, Netherhall 7; Old Aldwinians 14, Merseyside Police 12; Southport 0, Penrith 27;

Second division

Blackheath 9 Plymouth 37
Blackheath: Try: Annous. Con: Parker. Pen: Parker. Plymouth Albion: Tries: Saunders (3), Russell, Gabbitass, Turton, Norris. Cons: Butcher (3). Pen: Butcher.

Coventry 18 Rugby 10
Coventry: Try: Thomas. Con: S Thomas. Pens: S Thomas, M Thomas (2). Dropped goal: Rowan. Rugby: Try: Pell. Pens: Howard (2).

Liverpool St H 10 Headingley 4
Liverpool St Helens: Try: Saphton. Dropped goals: Askew (2). Headingley: Try: Kemmell.

Northampton 33 London Irish 21
Northampton: Tries: Burns (2), Thame (2), Ward, Alston. Cons: Steele (3). Pen: Steele. London Irish: Try: Brown. Con: Bell. Pens: Bell (5).

Richmond 36 Gosforth 3
Richmond: Tries: Waghorn (2), Vyvyan (2), Ford, Evans. Cons: Livesey (6). Gosforth: Pen: Clarke.

Waterloo 12 Sale 9
Waterloo: Tries: Cooley, Cooper. Cons: Angel (2). Sale: Try: Hodgson. Con: Jee. Pen: Jee.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond	3	3	0	0	80	26	6
Plymouth	3	2	0	1	61	18	4
Waterloo	3	2	0	1	44	39	4
Northampton	3	2	0	1	42	40	4
London Irish	3	2	0	1	70	74	4
Liverpool St H	3	2	0	1	29	35	4
Headingley	3	1	0	2	25	22	2
Rugby	3	1	0	2	47	46	2
Coventry	3	1	0	2	58	59	2
Sale	3	1	0	2	40	50	2
Gosforth	3	0	1	2	26	64	1
Blackheath	3	0	1	2	21	70	1

Third division

Askeans	29	London Welsh	26
Nuneaton	27	Exeter	14
Sheffield	24	London Scottish	28
Vale of Lune	21	Lydney	20
Wakefield	26	Roundhay	3
W Hartlepool	10	Fylde	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Scottish	3	3	0	0	72	31	6
West Hartlepool	3	2	0	1	53	30	4
Wakefield	3	2	0	1	39	20	4
Fylde	3	2	0	1	40	43	4
Askeans	3	2	0	1	51	67	4
Vale of Lune	3	2	0	1	33	54	4
Exeter	3	1	0	2	47	37	2
London Welsh	3	1	0	2	46	38	2
Nuneaton	3	1	0	2	52	49	2
Roundhay	3	1	0	2	33	52	2
Sheffield	3	1	0	2	31	51	2
Lydney	3	0	0	3	33	58	0

Area north

Broughton Park	31	Morley	17
Kendal	22	Durham	21
Stoke	6	Preston G	15
Stourbridge	22	Lichfield	15
Winnington Park	15	Northern	19

Area south

Basingstoke	3	Havant	13
Camborne	24	Cheltenham	21
Met Police	46	Salisbury	0
Redruth	35	Maidstone	0
Sudbury	17	Clifton	28

Warrington 26, Wilmslow 10. North east: First division: Blaydon 6, Stockton 20; Gateshead Fell 22, York 19; Keighley 17, Old Brodleians 12; Selby 11, Old Crossleyans 22; Thornensians 10, Morpeth 7. Second division: Beverley 7, Roundhegians 10; Blyth 22, Old Hymerians 9; Newcastle University 17, Rockcliff 15; Ryton 9, Bramley 29; Westoe 26, Ripon 13.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Barry Hill 20, High Wycombe 16; Stroud 13, Oxford 6; Taunton 21, Reading 0; Weston-super-Mare 15, Maidenhead 6. Second division: Abbey 25, Banbury 9; Barnstaple 11, Bournemouth 3; Gordon League 18, Torquay Athletic 9; Newbury 22, Bridgwater and Albion 6; Redingensians 9, Cinderford 4. Southern counties: Aylesbury 12, Slough 7; Bracknell 25, Bletchley 9; Swindon 17, Oxford Old Boys 10; Wimborne 0, Chiltern 13; Windsor 6, Marlow 37. Western counties: Avonmouth 18, Old Culverhaysians 16; Cirencester 9, Clevedon 15; Launceston 3, Okehampton 13; Tiverton 10, Newquay Hornets 25; Truro 19, Devon and Cornwall Police 0. Gloucestershire-Somerset: Avon and Somerset Police 13, Coney Hill 12; Cleve 10, Combe Down 22; Old Redcliffians 13, Keynsham 29; Spartans 38, Midsomer Norton 9; Whitehall 19, Drybrook 0; Cornwall and Devon: Bideford 29, Falmouth 6; Exeter Saracens 3, Crediton 21; Penzance-Newlyn 27, Plymouth CS 11; Sidmouth 16, Wogan Park 0; Teignmouth 16, Devonport Services 10. Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: First division: Beaconsfield 49, Cholsey 16; Bicester 3, Chinnor 3; Olney 11, Littlemore 4; Oxford Marathon 0, Grove 24. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Aldermaston 6, North Dorset 10; Corsham 36, REME Aborfield 4; Devizes 18, Dorchester 21; Weymouth 8, Chippenham 24; Wootton Bassett 22, Puddletown 6.

IRELAND: Under-20: Munster 18, Leinster 7 (Cork); Connacht 15, Ulster 21 (Galway). Ulster: Senior club: Ards 20, Academy 6; CIYMS 31, DLSP 21; Armagh 15, Cooke 6; Collegians 6, Bangor 26; Malone 8, Portadown 16; Ballymena 46, Dublin University 3. Leinster: Senior club: Blackrock College 10, Old Belvedere 11; Greystones 8, NIFC 36. Munster: Senior club: Bohemians 13, Old Wesley 29; Shannon 10, Skerries 6; Dolphin 6, Wanderers 18. Connacht: Senior club: Corinthians 21, City of Derry 12; Galwegians 4, Dungannon 21; Ballinasloe 21, Westport 6.

TOUR MATCH

Cardiff	15	New Zealand	25

CLUB MATCHES

Bridgend	24	Cambridge Univ	29
Neath	49	Glamorgan W	0
S Wales Police	43	Penarth	21
Swansea	17	Llanelli	25
Tredegar	11	Abertillery	17

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Ayr	29	Gala	22
Boroughmuir	15	Jed-Forest	7
Hawick	9	Edinburgh Acad	16
Melrose	29	W of Scotland	10
Selkirk	3	Glasgow H-K	19
Stewart's Mel FP	9	Heriot's FP	22
Stirling Co	29	Kelso	10

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Munster	10	Leinster (Cork)	3
Connacht	3	Ulster (Galway)	38

TOUR MATCHES: Perigord-Agen Regional XV 18, Fiji 15 (Bergerac); Romania 32, Western Samoa 24 (Bucharest).

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Henley 13, Swanage and Wareham 13; Hong Kong Bank 27, Standard Chartered Bank 3; North Walsham 7, Southend 9; Old Leamingtonians 12, Biggleswade 16; Romford and Gidea Park 27, Metropolitan Police XV 12; Shirley Wanderers 45, Old Epsomians 0.

WEST: Club match: St Austell 9, St Ives 40.

SCHOOLS: Abingdon 10, Radley 19; Belmont Abbey 42, Ebbw Vale 4; Cheltenham 14, Clifton 15; Clayesmore 42, Purbeck 6; Denstone 8, Bromsgrove 15; Duke of York's RMS 20, Cranbrook 4; Dulwich 3, Wellington (Berkshire) 14; Edinburgh Academy 20, Durham 17; Emanuel 17, Judd 3; Enfield GS 22, St Ignatius 12; Gordonstoun 14, Fettes 0; Guildford RGS 19, Trinity 6; Gunnersbury 4, Latymer Upper 17; Kingswood 10, Prior Park 6; Lancaster RGS 15, Barnard Castle 18; Longley 14, Bungay 12; Lord Wandsworth 4, Shiplake 38; Loretto 15, Merchiston Castle 6; Loughborough GS 21, Warwick 6; Marlborough 6, Bishop Wordsworth 11; Merchant Taylors', Crosby 11, Wirral GS 20; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 18, Berkhamsted 7; Norwich Colts 4, Wymondham 29; Rannoch 7, Morrison's Academy 11; St Lawrence 40, St Augustine's 0; Sedbergh 12, Ampleforth 20; Sevenoaks 3, Campion 19; Stamford 4, Oakham 7; Strathallan 16, Glenalmond 6; Wallington HS 10, Colfe's 34; Whitgift 44, Brighton College 6; William Hulme GS 3, Woodhouse Grove 41; Worksop 3, Nottingham HS 13.

WSRU NATIONAL LEAGUE: Aberaeron 23, Pangiais 10; Bryncelynnog 50, Treorchy 6; Gwendraeth 0, Amman Valley 52; Howardian 4, Cardiff HS 22; Porthcawl 10, Cynffig 38; Radyr 6, Glantaf 24; Ysgol Maes yr Yrfa 16, Whitland 24. Representative Match: Cardiganshire 41, North Wales 4.

Yesterday

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 33, International XV 15.
CLUB MATCH: Newport 0, Newbridge 48.

Smith takes over from McDonald as hooker

By George Ace

It would be easy to overpraise Ulster's performance in their 38-3 victory over Connacht in Galway on Saturday. It has to be said, however, that it was heady stuff producing as it did eight tries. Furthermore, it constituted a record scoreline for the northern province in Galway and must rate as one of Ulster's finest performances in the post-war era.

The selectors did not need to deliberate long over the team to meet Leinster at Lansdowne Road next Saturday. Steve Smith, the British Lion, will take over as hooker from John McDonald, but that was a decision not taken without a lot of heart-searching. Brian McKibbin, the Instonian prop, is among the replacements in place of Gary Bell (Dungannon).

With Philip Matthews back to his most commanding form in a very fine back row; the impish Brady enjoying life to the full and Russell giving his backs that vital half second with a stream of accurate passes, Connacht trailed by 20 points to nil at the interval.

They threatened briefly at the start of the second half and the always competitive Mannion forced his way over the Ulster line but found it impossible to ground the ball.

However, the Ulster juggernaut was soon on the move again and Crossan weaved his way through a crowded defence to score a magical fifth try. O'Beirne kicked a penalty for Connacht but Ulster added three further tries before the end of an unequal contest.

Brian Smith, the Oxford University captain, found life in the fast lane of Irish provincial rugby a somewhat harrowing experience in his Leinster debut against Munster in Cork.

Smith kicked the penalty that gave Leinster a half-time lead but in the second period he could do little but watch as the Munster pack put the Leinster eight under the hammer and fashioned two tries, one being converted to gain a thoroughly merited win by one goal and one try to a penalty goal.

SCORERS: Connacht: Penalty: O'Beirne. Ulster: Tries: Hewitt (2), Crossan (2), Robinson (2), Hooks, Matthews. Conversions: Russell (3). Munster: Tries: Kiely, Collins. Conversion: K Murphy. Leinster: Penalty: Smith.

Hall's record blighted

For the second successive league match Bath, the champions, had a player sent off on Saturday (David Hands writes). They beat Rosslyn Park 34-6 at the Recreation Ground but John Hall, the former England flanker, was dismissed for a late tackle after earlier being warned by Mike Bayliss, the Gloucestershire referee, for stamping.

Last month Gareth Chilcott, the club's England prop, was sent off for punching and his case is due to be heard tomorrow by the Somerset disciplinary committee. Hall, who had already scored two of Bath's six tries, has not previously been sent off; his offence came in the final quarter of a game in which Bath discovered the same free-flowing style which contributed the week before to the defeat of Neath.

Meanwhile, Bristol went to the top of the first division as the only club with an unbeaten league record; their third win, by 16-10, came at the expense of Moseley who, like Bedford (beaten 71-8 by Harlequins) have yet to open their league account. Knibbs and Hull scored tries for Bristol, with Webb adding a conversion and two penalties, against Moseley's tries from Linnett and Robson.

CRICKET

Akram in form as Pakistan win twice

From Qamar Ahmed
Sharjah

Pakistan achieved a second scintillating victory in the Champions Trophy by beating India by six wickets with eight balls to spare here yesterday. On Saturday they humbled West Indies by 11 runs in a sensational match which contained a hat-trick by Wasim Akram, who took five for 38 as West Indies, chasing 251, were bowled out for 239.

Yesterday it was Pakistan who had to chase the target after some poor ground fielding had allowed India, who won the toss, to pile up a challenging total of 273 for four in 46 overs.

Siddhu, who hit a maiden century in one-day internationals, and Amarnath, who played attractively for his 88, put on 161 for the second wicket after Srikkanth (51) and Siddhu had given India a flying start with a partnership of 92.

Siddhu's 108 occupied 117 balls and he hit eight fours and a six, off Aaqib Javed, a medium-paced bowler. Imran, the Pakistan captain, had dropped Srikkanth off Aaqib, when he was eight, in the sixth over, while Amarnath escaped a run out chance to the wicketkeeper Saleem Yousuf. Akram bagged three further wickets to reach 100 wickets in one-day internationals.

The asking rate of 5.95 an over for Pakistan appeared unattainable but on a placid pitch their batsmen also enjoyed themselves. Shoaib and Shahib Saeed, aged 24, put on 99 for the first wicket in 20 overs.

Shahib scored a half-century with the help of six fours and a six. Shoaib (65) shared a hurricane stand of 53 for the second wicket with Wasim Akram, who was promoted in the order and hit 37 in 22 balls with four sixes and one four. Three of his sixes were off Shastri, whose nine overs cost 60 runs.

Javed Miandad, playing his first match of the tournament, added 65 for the fourth wicket with Salim Malik before being stumped off Shastri for 31. Pakistan required 40 runs with only six overs left but Malik, who finished unbeaten with 68, took control at this crucial time and put on 40 for the fifth wicket with Imran to see his side home with eight balls to spare. Salim's 50 came in 46 deliveries with five fours.

Saturday

PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja c Richardson b Walsh	17
Shoaib Mohammad b Richards	45
Shahid Saeed b Bishop	22
Salim Malik c Richards b Bishop	74
Ijaz Ahmed run out	6
*Imran Khan b Ambrose	45
Wasim Akram lbw b Ambrose	0
†Saleem Yousuf c and b Bishop	4
Abdul Qadir not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 14, nb 6, w 11)	35
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	250

Waqar Younus and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-86, 3-139, 4-159, 5-214, 6-221, 7-226, 8-250.
BOWLING: Ambrose 10-1-58-2; Bishop 10-0-49-3; Walsh 10-0-38-1; Marshall 10-0-41-0; Richards 10-0-46-1.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Akram b Imran	59
P V Simmons lbw b Akram	16
R B Richardson b Imran	31
K L T Arthurton c Yousuf b Mushtaq	0
*I V A Richards c sub b Shoaib	46
C A Best not out	53
†P J L Dujon b Akram	6
M D Marshall b Akram	0
C E L Ambrose b Akram	0
I R Bishop b Qadir	0
C A Walsh b Akram	10
Extras (lb 8, nb 6, w 4)	18
Total (48.4 overs)	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-117, 3-118, 4-124, 5-195, 6-209, 7-209, 8-209, 9-210.
BOWLING: Akram 9.4-1-38-5; Waqar 4-0-14-0; Qadir 9-0-45-1; Saeed 3-0-19-0; Imran 10-0-51-2; Mushtaq 10-0-47-1; Shoaib 3-0-17-1.
Pakistan won by 11 runs.

Yesterday

INDIA

*K Srikkanth st Yousuf b Mushtaq	51
N S Siddhu b Akram	108
M Amarnath c Salim Malik b Akram	88
Kapil Dev c Shahid Saeed b Akram	13
R J Shastri not out	0
M Azharuddin not out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 2)	11
Total (4 wkts, 46 overs)	273

D B Vengsarkar, †K S More, C Sharma, M Prabhakar and A Ayub did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-253, 3-271, 4-271.
BOWLING: Akram 9-0-30-3; Aaqib 8-0-46-0; Shahid 3-0-24-0; Shoaib 2-0-18-0; Mushtaq 10-0-47-1; Qadir 7-0-44-0; Imran 7-0-58-0.

PAKISTAN

Shoaib Mohammed run out	65
Shahid Saeed b Shastri	50
Wasim Akram c More b Ayub	37
Salim Malik not out	68
Javed Miandad st More b Shastri	31
*Imran Khan not out	17
Extras (lb 4, w1, nb 1)	6
Total (4 wkts, 44.4 overs)	274

Ijaz Ahmed, †Saleem Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Aaqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-99, 2-152, 3-169, 4-234.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-0-47-0; Prabhakar 10-0-46-0; Sharma 5.4-0-35-0; Amarnath 2-0-15-0; Ayub 10-0-67-1; Shastri 9-0-60-2.
Pakistan won by six wickets.

BASEBALL

Giants baffled by Stewart's pitching skills

Oakland (Agencies) — The Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants 5-0 here to draw first blood in the the best-of-seven World Series.

The Athletics, who began the series as strong favourites against their rivals from across the bay, scored three runs in the second innings and later added home runs by Dave Parker and the usually light hitting Walt Weiss with the bases empty.

Singles by Terry Steinbach and Tony Phillips, after a lead-off walk to Dave Henderson, brought in the game's first run.

With runners on first and third Weiss then tapped weakly to first baseman Will Clark, whose throw home looked sure to get the second out. But Steinbach slid hard and kicked the ball out of Terry Kennedy's glove for an unearned run. Rickey Henderson then stroked a single to right field to score Phillips.

Athletics then seemed content to coast home behind the powerful pitching of Dave Stewart, who held the Giants to just five hits.

Stewart, winner of 20 games for three seasons in a row, was in his most masterful form, allowing only one base runner to get as far as third.

SQUASH RACKETS

England will leave out the captain as a tactical ploy

From Colin McQuillan, Singapore

England are planning to drop their captain, Bryan Beeson, from today's semi-final against Pakistan, the defending champions, in the World Team championship here. He will be rested for the more attainable ambition of retaining the third position England won two years ago in London.

Beeson has been the linch-pin of England's successful attempt here to launch a new young squad into the international game without simultaneously sacrificing their ranking among the top nations.

He laboured for nearly two hours on Saturday to break down a 2-0 and 6-5 lead established by Anders Wahlstedt, of Sweden, in their quarter-final match to lay the foundation on which the first string, Del Harris, and the third, Jason Nicolle, eventually built a 3-0 victory, important to team morale after a drubbing from Australia the day before.

The England coach, Jonah Barrington, was anxious to have him fresh for the last match tomorrow, probably against New Zealand.

"We were professionally executed by Australia," Barrington said. "And realistically we can expect little more change out of Jahangir and Jansher Khan, the world No. 1 and the world champion, in the semi-final. By resting Beeson, though, we could bring in Simon Parke, our teenager, for the experience for which he was selected."

To Barrington the retention of the third place in the world rankings, which he snatched by ambushing Australia after the London semi-finals, is vital to his long-range plans.

"Parke and Nicolle will be joined by other youngsters approaching Finland in 1991 and then we will be capable of actually challenging for the title from a seeded position," he said.

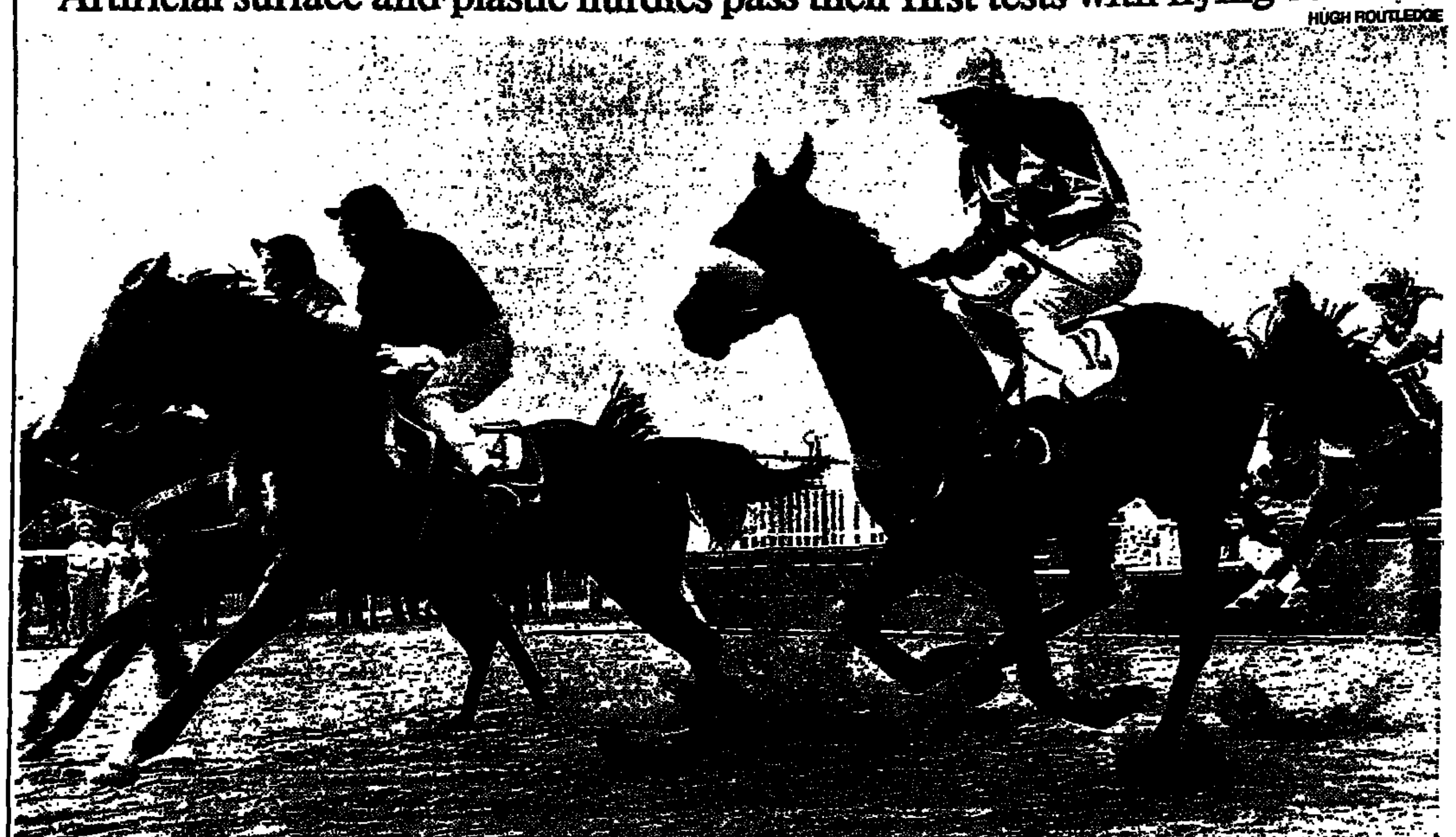
Chris Dittmar, captain of the Australian team and president of the International Squash Players' Association, says that the 10 days they have spent here have been largely a waste of time.

"Hardly any team has put out their full side against us or Pakistan," he said. "This competition is proclaimed as valuable to the game because players from lesser countries have the chance to play against the great names of the game. Yet when they have the chance they don't take it."

RESULTS: Quarter Finals: England 3 Sweden 0. D Harris bt F Johnson, 10-9, 9-6, 9-7; B Beeson bt A Wahlstedt, 9-10, 6-9, 9-8, 9-5 9-6; J Nicolle bt J Gomerup, 9-10, 10-8, 9-0, 9-10, 9-2. Pakistan 3 Egypt 0; New Zealand 3 Finland 0; Australia 3 Canada 0. Place Play-offs: Ireland 2 Netherlands 1. D Ryan lost to H Frieling, 5-9, 9-8, 2-9; G Stewart bt R Scheffer, 9-8, 9-3, 9-7, 0-9, 9-8; J Mackay bt E Van Der Pluym, 9-3, 9-10, 9-5, 9-4. West Germany 2 Scotland 1. H Weins bt M Maclean, 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; F Poessl lost to F Ellis, 4-9, 5-9, 2-9; J Arndt bt A Thomson, 10-8, 9-7, 1-9, 9-5. France 3 Spain 0; Switzerland 3 Kuwait 0; Denmark 3 New Guinea 0; Singapore 3 Malaysia 0; USA 2 Italy 1.

Artificial surface and plastic hurdles pass their first tests with flying colours

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Jockeys and horses sample Fibresand and plastic hurdles during trials at Southwell yesterday, the first racing on an artificial surface in Britain

Seal of approval after all-weather trial

By Graham Rock

Those who see the advent of all-weather racing as a revolution might be interested to learn that two of the three trial hurdle races at Southwell yesterday were won very easily, by Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore.

With few reservations, the day was a success, getting praise from most of the trainers and jockeys, who attended on a day which had the air of a minor point-to-point meeting.

Southwell have opted for Fibresand, a mixture of synthetic fibres, polymers and silica sand which is harrowed and rolled between races. The surface is laid seven inches deep, compacted to six inches and horses landing over the hurdles seemed to dent the surface by four inches, leaving a safe cushion.

New plastic hurdles, designed by the Jockey Club's northern inspector of courses, Ron Barry, were used and, with minor modifications, were regarded as successful enough to replace the traditional timber hurdles used on National Hunt courses.

Scudamore, an articulate ambassador for the sport, was unequivocal in his praise. "Obviously I was concerned mostly about safety. There was no slipping. I was very pleased with the surface and the hurdles rode really well.

"They seemed very inviting. Of course, the horses looked at them the first couple of times but it seemed smoother brushing over them, and not the same impact as jumping a normal hurdle. Most of the horses jumped straight and well, which is a compliment to the track.

"When it's wetter there might be more kick-back but, on today's judgement, it's perfect. I'm a great believer in all-weather racing, it's got to work."

Pipe, too, had no complaints. "It certainly looked a very good surface. The horses jumped the new hurdles well and I'll be getting a set at home."

Kick-back, the spray of surface material from the hooves of the horses in front, which on many artificial surfaces proves an impenetrable barrier to the horses behind, was kept to a minimum in the hurdle races, barely rising above stirrup level.

Jockeys in flat races, which were run at a faster pace, reported that the kick-back was noticeable, but light. Nicky Carlisle explained: "It was like walking on a windy beach and being caught in the face by sand blown off a dune."

Nicky Connorton concurred, adding: "The two-year-old I rode must have felt it, because I did, but it was so light that he was able to run through it."

All jockeys reported that, in terms of traditional racing ground, they would describe the Fibresand surface as dead. "It's a bit slow," Connorton said. "And those up front got pretty tired. There's some bounce in it but a horse will really need to be able to stay the distance, particularly over a mile and a half."

William Hastings-Bass, who will share facilities with Dick Hern at West Ilsley next year, had a runner here and intends to support all-weather racing. He is considering running the Queen's filly Hopscotch at Lingfield.

"Some horse will really like it," he said. "What has become apparent from today, and hopefully will also be apparent after next Sunday's trials at Lingfield, is that racing on an artificial surface is perfectly possible."

After the hurdle races, a handful of runners pulled up unsound and horses which have had leg problems are likely to find the all-weather surfaces unforgiving. Other jockeys called a halt before the finish, their mounts blowing hard and clearly too portly to do themselves justice.

There are still one or two teething problems to be solved. For example, if the turf on the inside of the track is hard, horses who get loose after falling might damage themselves if able to gallop on frozen ground.

The many trainers who were not present yesterday will be able to watch pictures broadcast by Satellite Information Services during their lunchtime preview every day this week.

Some aspects of the game do not change. In the stands before the second hurdle race a trainer was overheard telling his owner: "Don't expect too much today. The ground has been hard all summer. Your filly needs more time."

JUDO

Lee rewarded for her improvement

From Nicolas Soames Belgrade

The British heavyweight, Sharon Lee, inspired by the two gold medals won on Saturday by the bantamweight, Karen Briggs, and the featherweight, Sharon Rendle, produced her best international performance to reach the final of the Open weight category on the last day of the world judo championships in Belgrade yesterday.

It was a sudden and dramatic improvement on the European bronze she won last year, which reflects her greater fitness and experience. She overwhelmed her first opponent, Danya Bierria, of the United States, with a double leg pick-up for ippon (10 points) and won a decision against Carla van Gameren, of Holland.

In the semi-final, against Ingrid Beghmans, Lee rushed out and was turned on to her side, conceding five points. But she worked her way back and countered the Belgian with a side sacrifice throw for waza-ari (seven points) to give her a final place against the Cuban, Estela Rodriguez.

Briggs won all her fights before time with maximum scores, holding Leposava Markovic, of Yugoslavia; throwing Kerstin Emich, of West Germany with her famous stomach throw; then dumping the French champion, Cecile Nowak, on her back with a counter to reach the final.

There she held Fumiko Esaki, of Japan, for 30 seconds. It was memorable because Briggs dislocated her shoulder as Esaki struggled, but held on knowing that if she stood up, she could not continue.

Sharon Rendle, aged 23, was also at her best, throwing Ruth Magen, of Israel, with a shoulder throw for waza-ari (seven points); taking decisions from a testing Cuban, Cardenas Perez, and then holding Yu-Ping Chou skilfully in the semi-final.

When she went into the final against Alessandra Giungi, of Italy, she was limping, having sustained a bad blow against Perez, but retained the title.

Elvis Gordon, the British heavyweight, lost on a decision to the Soviet, Akaky Kobordalidze, but fought back through the repechage, throwing Lei Shi, of China, for ippon to reach the bronze medal fight against Kun Soo Kim, of Korea.

RESULTS: Men: Featherweight: 1, D Becanovic (Yug); 2, U Quellmalz (EG); 3, B Carabetta (Fr) and S Kosmynin (USSR). Women: Featherweight: 1, S Rendle (GB); 2, A Giungi (It); 3, M Cho (S Korea) and C Perez (Cuba). Bantamweight: 1, K Briggs (GB); 2, F Esaki (Japan); 3, C Nowak (Fr) and J Gal (Neth).

MOTOR RACING

Chaos does not stop McNish

By a Special Correspondent

Allen McNish dominated the final round of the British Formula Three Championship at Thruxton yesterday to take victory after his chief rival, David Brabham, crashed out on the first lap.

As McNish led the packed field into the first series of corners, Brabham's Jewson-Ralt hit the back of Derek Higgins's car and leapt into the air before crashing head-on into the barriers. Three other drivers spun off the track in the chaos, including Higgins, who restarted the race in last place.

Brabham's race and championship hopes were dashed. "It was my own fault," he said later, a badly bruised hand his only injury.

McNish cruised to victory and, subject to the official ruling on eligibility of his car's Mugen-Honda engine, will win the British championship. "I felt confident when I set the fastest lap in qualifying, but when I saw Brabham's car in the barriers I eased off and concentrated on finishing," the 19-year-old Scot from Dumfriessaid.

RESULTS: 1, A McNish (Ralt RT33), 24min 8.55sec; 2, R Rydell (Reynard 893); 3, S Robertson (Ralt RT33); 4, G Ayles (Ralt RT33); 5, A Simoes (Ralt RT33); 6, P Adams (Ralt RT33).

SNOOKER

Beaten Virgo draws a blank

On Thursday evening, John Virgo appeared as a panelist on the television game, *Blankety Blank* (Steve Acteson writes). Yesterday, his scoreline was blank in a 5-0 defeat by Steve Newbury, of Wales, in the Rothmans Grand Prix at Reading.

Virgo, ranked thirteenth in the world — some omen there, perhaps — has a richly comic cabaret act caricaturing other players, but he always leaves the impression that he has never made the most of his own ability. Now aged 43 and 13 years a professional, he has only the 1979 United Kingdom championship to his name.

Newbury, the world No. 19, is assured of at least £5,250 in prize-money from this tournament, a far cry from the 27 pence he once earned as a trainee accountant.

Tony Knowles, previously ranked second in the world and now provisionally 23rd, said after his 5-2 victory over Martin Clark: "If I'm still 23rd at the end of the season, I'll start to worry. But I won't be because I'm on my way back up."

This was no idle boast. Having seen a 3-0 lead cut to one frame by Clark's breaks of 102 and 79, Knowles won the crucial sixth frame from 58-30 behind with a pressure clearance of 40 to pink off Clark's poor safety shot. Thus encouraged, he took the seventh with a run of 52 to also reach the last 16.

Steve Davis, the defending champion, also needed all his courage on Sunday night in a memorable 5-4 victory over the rejuvenated Neal Foulds.

FOURTH ROUND: J Parrott (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng), 5-1; J Smith (Eng) bt A Meo (Eng), 5-3; D Reynolds (Eng) bt W King (Aus), 5-3; S Davis (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-4; S Newbury (Wales) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-0; A Knowles (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-2.

BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Princess seeks the return of fair play

By David Miller

The Princess Royal, addressing the British Olympic Association AGM on Saturday as its president, called on her colleagues and on all British sports federations to do more to re-introduce discipline among school children. It is to be hoped that football, which was not represented, and athletics, whose listening administrators have been more concerned that British teams should be happy, rather than well-behaved — as though both attitudes were not compatible — will take notice.

"We have all been guilty of underestimating the effect the BOA could have in schools," the Princess said. She went on to stress how children needed to be disciplined within the rules of sport and competition and that, if many ignored the rules and disrespected fair play, then "others will join them."

The Princess called for federations to recognize that manners, on and off the field, are important, especially in international events at which competitors are ambassadors.

"The BOA have to start with basics and basics cannot start soon enough," the Princess said. Children tended not to be corrected "because they are only children". If this attitude was adopted by parents and schoolteachers, and by the BOA, when could children be expected to start respecting the rules?

The Princess said that the BOA needed to tackle the drugs issue on an educational rather than legal or medical basis, to demonstrate to children what a knowledge of cheating would do to their own self-esteem, and to make a clear distinction between gamesmanship, which was a ploy by the inferior, and cheating, which was simply wrong.

With accounts showing assets of over £2.6 million, in spite of the iniquitous taxation on Olympic fund-raising of £445,683, the BOA is in a position to expand its educational activities under the chairmanship of Dr Don Anthony. Scott Naden, the employment officer, already looks for enthusiastic employers who will give competitors the opportunity to train in sympathetic surroundings, while Kevin Hickey, the former boxing coach, as technical officer, works with the coaches of different sports federations to help maximise their effort for Olympic achievement.

The Princess Royal and 50 members and officials of the BOA were yesterday given the first previews of the potential designs for stadiums and the venues under consideration in Manchester's bid for the 1996 Olympic Games. The Manchester committee flew in four members of its American team of architects and event management experts to give the BOA members details on crucial aspects of security, communications and transportation. The bid intends to represent the North-west region and representatives from Bolton and Salford addressed the meeting. Representatives of the 25 Olympic sports were asked for guidance and urged to be ambassadors for the bid.

The worst note of Saturday's meeting was the passing reference by Dr Roy Axon, chairman of the Medical Committee, to the Barcelona Olympic Games medical officer having said that food poisoning in Spain was endemic and competitors could not rely on avoiding it unless they ate all their meals in the Olympic village.

● In tomorrow's Times: David Miller with the first of a two-part analysis of the Princess Royal as a sports competitor and administrator.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dutch success makes it a double for Todd

From Finlay Davidson Boekelo

The Olympic gold medallist, Mark Todd, gained his second significant success of the autumn season, when he won the Dutch championship three-day event here on the British-bred horse, Pedro the Cruel.

The New Zealander was in the joint lead at the end of the cross-country with the Briton, Karen Striker, who was 20 seconds faster over the fixed obstacles, with Fosseway Surprise. Had the two tied, victory would have gone to Todd as he finished the cross-country in the optimum time of 10 minutes 20 seconds.

However, Striker hit the middle element of the combination during the show jumping, which was to demote her to third place. The European team silver medallist, Eddy Stibbe, moved into second. This gave him the Dutch national title, with his British-born wife, Mandy, taking the reserve place on Heyday.

LEADING SCORES: Teams: 1, GB 191.8 penalties; 2, France 202.8; 3, West Germany 320.85; 4, Sweden 366.6; 5, Italy 367.0.

Individual placings: 1, M Todd's Pedro the Cruel (NZ) 52.8 penalties; 2, E Stibbe's Bristol's Kilnac Thomas (Neth) 54.2; 3, K Straker's Fosseway Surprise (GB) 57.8; 4, J Johnson's Timber Run (GB) 58.8.

CYCLING

Pyne sets best of year

Martin Pyne and John Pritchard, the 25-mile specialists, are bringing the end of season to a climax in time for next week-end's finale (Peter Bryan writes).

Pyne, like Pritchard, a former British champion at the distance, yesterday set the fastest time of the year when he won the Unity CC trial in 50min 5sec on a main road course near Whitham, Essex.

His victory was his 46th of the year and gives him the chance of a tie with Pritchard, who broke his own course record by 23 seconds in winning the Hillingdon CC event at Marlow.

The pair clash for the first time in three months next weekend, at 25 miles and 10 miles, with Pritchard determined to take both trials and his tally for the season to 50.

Pyne is the only rider with Alf Engers, the British record holder, to be credited with a time of under 50 minutes for 25 miles.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

PARIS: Road race (20km): Men: 1 A Pinto (Por), 58:46; 2, Y Doukal (Djibouti), 58:48; 3, C Thackery (GB), 58:51; 4, J Solly (GB), 58:59; 8, N Rose (GB), 59:20; 10, S Brace (GB), 1:00:03. Women: 1, R Mota (Por), 1:06:37; [illegible]

PEKING: International marathon: Men: 1, P Dall (Den) 2hr 12min 47sec; [illegible]

BIRMINGHAM: Adidas Birchfield road race (10 miles): 1, N Appleby (Birchfield H), [illegible]

HOUGHTON: Road race (10 km): [illegible]

CROYDON: Open road race (10km): [illegible]

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Hemel Hempstead 110, Corby 85; Oldham 87, Worthing 72; Plymouth 64, Cheshire 66. Second division: Greenwich 80, Middlesbrough 81; Kirklees 78, Cardiff 91; Manchester 94, North London 86. Women: First division: Kingston 64, Cardiff 74; Leicester 77, Brixton 81; Sheffield 55, London YMCA 48; Stockport 43, Nottingham 60.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Leicestershire 150, Norfolk 185; Berkshire 142, Oxfordshire 128; Cambridgeshire 124, Kent 132; Somerset 104, Wiltshire 159.

BOXING

[illegible]

CRICKET

HARARE: Tour match: Young West Indies 166; Zimbabwe 169-5. Zimbabwe won by 5 wkts. Series level, 1-1.

CURRIE CUP: [illegible]

EQUESTRIANISM

STONELEIGH: [illegible]

CYCLING

SHEFFIELD: PCA Gala professional road race (50 miles): [illegible]

BYRON BAY: Australian classic: [illegible]

MILAN: Tour of Lombardy: [illegible]

Time trials

DUNLOPILLO CLASSIC INVITATION (N Yorks: 30 miles): 1, P Longbottom (Manchester Whs), [illegible]

[illegible]

RUGBY LEAGUE

[illegible]

RUGBY UNION

[illegible]

GOLF

BORDEAUX: Bordeaux Open: Final round leaders: [illegible]

WIMBLEDON: Golf Foundation team championship, regional round: 1, Hinchley Wood, 243; 2, Kings College School, Wimbledon, 244; 3, Charter's School, Sunningdale, 248. [illegible]

[illegible]

HOCKEY

HENNESSY TROPHY: Hounslow 2 Southgate 1 (at Reading).

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: [illegible]

[illegible]

SHOOTING

[illegible]

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Saturday: New York Islanders 3, Philadelphia Flyers 3 (OT); Detroit Red Wings 5, Buffalo Sabres 2; New Jersey Devils 3, Hartford Whalers 2; Washington Capitals 4, Calgary Flames 4 (OT); Pittsburgh Penguins 2, Montreal Canadiens 1 (OT); Winnipeg Jets 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Minnesota North Stars 3, Quebec Nordiques 2; St Louis Blues 2, Chicago Black Hawks 1. Friday: Buffalo Sabres 4, Hartford Whalers 1; Montreal Canadiens 4, New Jersey Devils 3 (OT); Washington Capitals 7, New York Rangers 4; Boston Bruins 3, Edmonton Oilers 3 (OT); Los Angeles Kings 5, Vancouver Canucks 5.

ROTTERDAM: European Cup quarter-finals: [illegible]

POSITIONS

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Rotterdam	2	2	0	0	15	4	4
Polonia	2	0	2	0	14	14	2
Paris	2	0	1	1	10	12	1
Wasps	2	0	1	1	8	17	1

ORIENTEERING

HALIFAX: Compass Sport Cup: [illegible]

TENNIS

TOULOUSE: Grand prix tournament: [illegible]

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: [illegible]

YACHTING

HOUSTON: Tornado world championships: [illegible]

MOTOR CYCLING

SUGO, Japan: International 500cc race (25 laps): 1, W Rainey (US, Yamaha), [illegible]

BRANDS HATCH: Power bike international: [illegible]

MOTOR SPORT

DONINGTON PARK: [illegible]

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: [illegible]

ROWING

HYDE PARK: Serpentine international: [illegible]

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Oxford 54, Reading 36; Belle Vue 21, Coventry 21 (abandoned after seven heats — rain); [illegible]

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hackney 50, Poole 46. [illegible]

ETON FIVES

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Third division
Tranmere v Mansfield

Fourth division
Stockport v Southend

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Huddersfield (7.0).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Goole; Hyde v Bangor City.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Hednesford v Gloucester; Hounslow v Dover (7.45); Worcester v Willenhall.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: First division: Harlow v Uxbridge.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Clevedon (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix (Reading). Women's open (Brixham).

SPEEDWAY: Knockout Cup: Final, first leg: Wolverhampton v Cradley Heath. British League: Reading v Belle Vue. Bruce Cribb benefit (Exeter).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-8am: College match: Virginia v Clemson. Screensport 3-4pm: National Football League: Highlights.

ATHLETICS: Screensport 9.30-10am: [illegible]

BASEBALL: Screensport 10.45pm-1am: Major League: World Series: Oakland A's v San Francisco Giants.

BOXING: Screensport 9.15-10.45pm: Professional event from the United States. Eurosport 11pm-midnight: [illegible]

CYCLING: Screensport 10-11am: [illegible]

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 4-6pm: [illegible]

EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 9-10pm: Review of the week's sport.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 11am-1pm: Soviet League: Highlights. Screensport 7.30-9.15pm: Top team Spain.

GOLF: Screensport 9-9.30am and 5-5.30pm: Inside the PGA. Screensport 12-2pm: [illegible]

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7-8pm and 12-2am (tomorrow): National Hockey League: Game of the week.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 11am-midday: [illegible]

RACING: Screensport 5.30-6pm: [illegible]

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7.30pm: British Coal Tour match: Leeds v New Zealand.

RUGBY UNION: Screensport 10-11am: Cardiff v New Zealand: Highlights.

SNOOKER: BBC2 3-4.35pm and 12-1.05am (tomorrow): Rothmans Grand Prix from Reading.

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1.15-2.10am (tomorrow): [illegible]

TENNIS: Eurosport 1-4pm: Australian indoor championships from Sydney.

UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

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Cantus Firmus to give Leach fine start

By Mandarin

Paul Leach, who saddled High Imp to win over fences at Bangor on Saturday, can follow up with CANTUS FIRMUS, his first runner on the Flat, in the Aston Park Handicap at Chepstow today.

Formerly with Paul Kelleway at Newmarket, Cantus Firmus landed two claiming races in the space of 48 hours in June, the first over Chester's extended 1¼ miles and the second over today's distance of 1½ miles at Goodwood.

Kelleway then ran Cantus Firmus three times over longer trips without further success, although the colt ran creditably on each occasion, notably when a close fourth, after holding every chance two out, behind Thethingaboutitis, Double Dutch and Patience Camp over two miles at Sandown in July.

The feeling persists that Cantus Firmus will be well suited by the return to 1½ miles and, while he has obviously been bought with a hurdling future in mind, he clearly has the ability to land a decent handicap on the Flat and can take full advantage of the stone he receives from De Rivera.

However De Rivera fares, Guy Harwood, his trainer, should be on the mark with the Sheikh Mohammed newcomer LOVER'S MOON in the first division of the Whitsbury Manor Maiden Stakes and JUMBY BAY in the second leg of the Gainsborough Claiming Stakes.

The second division of the maiden should fall to SAMSOVA, who made a highly promising debut at Newbury last month when third to Free At Last and Salsabil. With Free At Last going on to beat some good colts in the Somerville Tattersalls Stakes at Newmarket and Salsabil landing the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, that form speaks for itself.

QASWARAH, sixth in that Newbury race, can further uphold the form by taking the third division of the Hare Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Leicester.

Willie Carson looks the jockey to follow at the Midlands track where he is fancied to land a treble on SAPPHO COMET (3.0), GROOM STAR (3.30) and SNOWSPIN (4.30).

I particularly like the look of the progressive Sappho Comet, who prior to gaining an easy maiden-race victory at Lingfield, had done really well to divide Coincidental and Saturday's York winner Pinctada in a good Newbury handicap, his first race for more than four months.

For the day's best bet, though, I go north to Ayr where VALLS D'ANDORRA can justify the 700-mile round trip from Wiltshire by landing the Auchencruive Handicap.

A consistent sort over 10-12 furlongs in early season, Valls D'Andorra came into her own when asked to tackle longer trips in mid-summer, winning handicaps over Sandown's stiff 1¾ miles in July and Catterick's extended 15 furlongs in August.

She has not run for more than two months but that should not be held against her as Peter Makin is quite capable of producing horses at their best after a long absence, Red Paddy's Sandown September success (his first race for more than three months) being one example that springs readily to mind.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 2.15 Mrs Wing Commander. CHEPSTOW: 3.45 Young General. LEICESTER: 3.30 Tring Park.

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Lover's Moon.
2.45 Ndita.
3.15 Frimley Parkson.
3.45 Cantus Firmus.
4.15 Ski Captain.
4.45 Jumby Bay.
5.15 Samsova.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Porto Heli.
2.45 Runcible Cat.
3.15 Murmuring.
3.45 Polar Vision.
4.15 Cantoris.
4.45 —
5.15 No Sharps Or Flats.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.15 Paley Prince.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best**

2.15 WHITSBURY MANOR MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,889: 7f) (17 runners)

1 (6) BALLA LAD (G Gething) J Bradley 9-0 J Williams —
2 (13) 00 CORIO BAY 12 (C Johns) D Haydn Jones 9-0 S O'Gorman (5) 80
3 (9) 0 DODGY 11 (J Redmond) W Haggas 9-0 A Culhane —
4 (15) 0 JAMESIE 12 (J James) D Jermy 9-0 R Perham (7) —
5 (16) 0 KID LEWIS 25 (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 9-0 J Reid —
6 (12) 0 KILLIMOR LAD 30 (J Clasby) M McCormack 9-0 A Tucker (7) —
7 (11) LOVER'S MOON (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-0 A Clark —
8 (2) MONARDA (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn —
9 (7) 6 MULL HOUSE 94 (Mrs B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 9-0 M Wigham ● 99
10 (17) PORTO HELI (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 W Ryan —
11 (8) 4 PUSEY STREET BOY 12 (M Wilkins) R Hannon 9-0 G Baxter 98
12 (4) TAROOM (Mrs V Gaucci Del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0 G Sexton —
13 (3) 40240 CACOPHANY 27 (Lord Vestey) H Candy 8-9 C Rutter 98
14 (10) 0 FIELDS OF FORTUNE 25 (Mrs L Crowden) J Spearing 8-9 N Howe —
15 (14) GILBERT'S GIRL (A Newcombe) R Hodges 8-9 N Adams —
16 (5) 00 LADY GRENVILLE 10 (D Currie) M Usher 8-9 J Carter 85
17 (1) SOPHIA GARDENS (R Michaelson) I Balding 8-9 J Matthias —

BETTING: 5-2 Lover's Moon, 4-1 Pusey Street Boy, 13-2 Porto Heli, 8-1 Mull House, 10-1 others.
1988: FOLLY FOOT 9-5 W Newnes (Evens fav) R Johnson Houghton 22 ran

FORM FOCUS DODGY has a lot of improvement to find on his 7th of 10 to In Excess (levels) at Lingfield (6f).
MULL HOUSE showed plenty of promise when 6th beaten 7¾l by Curia Regis (levels) at Newbury (6f). With normal improvement he should go close.
PUSEY STREET BOY needed the outing when 4th beaten 5¾l by El Paso (levels) at Salisbury (7f). TAROOM, from a stable in cracking form cost 19,500Fr. by Lomond out of dam thats a the daughter of Galina, the winner of the Ribblesdale Stakes.
Selection: MULL HOUSE

2.45 GAINSBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,532: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (1) 0-02601 PRECOCIOUSLY 6 (V,F) (Mrs G Goodman) S Dow 8-9 W Ryan 70
2 (4) 00F045 SUPER MORNING 12 (B,S) (J Maxwell) M Fetherston-Godley 8-8 J Reid 82
3 (2) 0-11000 NDITA 44 (D,G,S) (P Lord) M Tompkins 8-7 A Culhane 94
4 (7) 300-060 REMEMBER WHEN 53 (B) (P Purcell) R Hannon 8-1 C Rutter 80
5 (5) 280 DAME LYNET 60 (Mrs O Fox-Pitt) M Jarvis 8-0 J Quinn (3) 87
6 (6) 060004 FROGS FIRST 25 (J Friel) Mrs Barbara Waring 8-0 N Howe 83
7 (8) 0 MISS DELILAH 168 (Mrs E Davies) K White 8-0 — —
8 (9) 344403 JUVENARA 13 (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-13 G Hind (5) 93
9 (3) 463043 RUNCIBLE CAT 6 (BF) (R Levin) C Brittain 7-11 G Bardwell ● 99
10 (10) 4-04400 PRIORY BAY 6 (J Pepper) J Jenkins 7-8 N Adams 78

BETTING: 9-4 Runcible Cat, 11-4 Juvenara, 4-1 Ndita, 8-1 Dame Lynet, 10-1 others.
1988: LOPSKI 8-2 M Hills (11-4) W Hastings Bass 13 ran

FORM FOCUS PRECOCIOUSLY got up close home to beat Leading Guest (gave 10lb) by ¾l at Folkestone (1m 2f). SUPER MORNING stayed on close home when 5th beaten over 3l by Schh You Know-Who (gave 17lb) at Salisbury (1m).
NDITA won at Warwick and Wolverhampton, but has disappointed since. FROGS FIRST never a serious factor when 4th beaten over 10l by Taffeta And Tulle (levels) at Lingfield (7f). JUVENARA 3rd beaten 1l in moderate seller by Houlihan (rec 3lb) at Wolverhampton (1m 1f).
RUNCIBLE CAT finished well when 4th beaten under 2l by Briery Fille (rec 3lb) at Warwick (1m).
Selection: RUNCIBLE CAT

3.15 MADEMOISELLE LADIES STAKES (Handicap: £2,994: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (11) 151430 PROFIT A PRENDRE 2 (CD,F,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 5-11-0 Sandy Brooke 91
2 (20) 204600 SO CAREFUL 5 (D,F,G,S) (T Doherty) J Berry 6-10-13 Lisa Eaton (5) 88
3 (8) 332114 OUR FAN 56 (D,BF,F,S) (J W Barrett) J Berry 3-10-13 Jeanie Goulding 85
4 (18) 604-400 MISTER ODDY 146 (V Tjolle) J King 3-10-11 Michelle Swyer (5) 80
5 (5) 002024 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 16 (B,C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-10-8 Sharon Murgatroyd 87
6 (6) 230443 PONIARD 16 (F) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-10-6 Gaye Harwood (5) 84
7 (14) 000000 PETTICOAT POWER 5 (CD,F) (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 3-10-5 Clare Balding 93
8 (13) 006302 SHARP TIMES 5 (D,BF,F,G,S) (F Briggs) W Musson 8-10-4 Judy Musson (5) ● 99
9 (9) 020060 MARTINOSKY 12 (D,F) (D Clark) W Wightman 3-10-4 Mary Ann Clark (5) 94
10 (3) 5100-6 ELOFAHABIT 196 (F) (D Brereton) L Barratt 3-10-2 Diane Jones 87
11 (16) 343032 FRIMLEY PARKSON 7 (F) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 5-9-13 Amanda Harwood 91
12 (15) 105360 KAWWAS 9 (D,F) (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 4-9-13 Kathryn Holden (5) 91
13 (19) 020-060 CREAM AND GREEN 168 (CD,S) (Andes Ltd) K White 5-9-12 Suzie Francome (5) 94
14 (17) 550361 LUCEDEO 6 (D,F) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-9-12 Caroline Spearing (5) 94
15 (10) 0-03222 MURMURING 11 (J Redmond) W Haggas 3-9-10 Maxine Juster 94
16 (7) 062025 HUMALONG 25 (L Jones) W Brooks 4-9-9 Joanna Winter 91
17 (1) 00-0200 PITY'S PET 7 (D Hunt) O O'Neill 4-9-9 — 86
18 (12) 540502 BALLAFORT 20 (D,F) (C Bentick) J Bosley 4-9-9 Celia Radband (5) 94
19 (4) 020000 MAIDEN BIDDER 8 (CD,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 7-9-7 Elaine Bronson 87
20 (2) 00-5000 JALEES 157 (W Mann) G Gracey 3-9-6 — 86

BETTING: 9-2 Murmuring, 11-2 Lucedeo, 6-1 Frimley Parkson, 7-1 Maiden Bidder, 8-1 Our Fan, 10-1 others.
1988: CHUMMY'S CHARM 3-10-11 Carolyn Eddery (7-1) G Lewis 20 ran

FORM FOCUS PROFIT A PRENDRE, goes well for a lady having won twice this season. Makes a quick return after finishing out of the first 6 to Aradu (gave 15lb) at Ascot on Saturday (1m); earlier had little room close home when staying on well when beaten 2l by Western Wolf (gave 10lb) at Ascot (1m).
OUR FAN stayed on all too late when 4th beaten over 1l by Ever Reckless (rec 18lb) at Windsor (5f). BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 4th beaten under a length by Grey Rum (rec 11lb) at Redcar (7f).
PONIARD 3rd in a similar event when beaten 4l by Knights Secret (rec 10lb) at Redcar (1m). close. FRIMLEY PARKSON was caught on the line by Pink Pumpkin (rec 27lb) at Warwick (5f).
LUCEDEO ran twice last week winning by a nk from Pentagon Rose (rec 7lb) at Folkestone (6f).
BALLAFORT ran well for a 12-1 chance when 2nd beaten ¾l by Golden Flats (gave 13lb) at Nottingham (6f).
Selection: FRIMLEY PARKSON

3.45 ASTON PARK HANDICAP (£5,617: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1 (5) 510060 GAASID 16 (CD,F,G,S) (E Parker) R Akehurst 4-9-12 W Ryan 96
2 (8) 2-31042 DE RIVERA 11 (D,BF,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-6 A Clark 94
3 (4) 5-2310 SHAYNOOR 12 (BF,F) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-6 G Starkey 94
4 (3) 322250 YOUNG GENERAL 16 (B) (G Johnson) P Cole 3-9-3 T Quinn ● 99
5 (1) 5/125-0 GILD THE LILY 9 (S) (D Drury) M Madgwick 4-9-2 — 96
6 (6) 033024 POLAR VISION 12 (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-10 — 93
7 (7) 011430 CANTUS FIRMUS 54 (D,F) (A Kosky) P Leach 3-8-8 J Williams 94
8 (9) 444242 APOLLO KING 37 (Mrs B Edwards) P Mitchell 3-8-2 S O'Gorman (5) 92
9 (2) 316000 BELLINGTON 17 (D,S) (Lord Harrington) M Jarvis 3-7-11 J Quinn (3) 96

BETTING: 2-1 De Rivera, 4-1 Shaynoor, 6-1 Young General, 15-2 Cantus Firmus, 9-1 Apollo King, 10-1 Polar Vision, 12-1 others.
1988: GAASID 3-9-2 B Raymond (6-1) M Jarvis 14 ran

FORM FOCUS GAASID, goes for a repeat victory in this event, could never land a blow when 11th of 17 to Brashee (gave 4lb) at Ascot (1m 4f); earlier 5th beaten 4l by Brashee (rec 1lb) at Newbury (1m 5f). DE RIVERA had no call to the easy winner Firelight Fiesta (gave 3lb) when beaten 6l at Newmarket (1m 4f). SHAYNOOR failed to show his form when a disappointing favourite when 9th to Lord David S (gave 1lb) with POLAR VISION (rec 15lb) 5th beaten under 2l at Newmarket (1m 2f); earlier SHAYNOOR won very easily by 5l from Carpet Slippers (rec 3lb) at Bath (1m 2f).
CANTUS FIRMUS won two claimers before changing stables; latest 17th of 18 in the Ebor behind Sapience (gave 15lb) at York (1m 6f). APOLLO KING failed to find much when 2nd beaten 7l by Momtaaz (gave 2lb) at Chepstow (1m 2f).
Selection: GAASID

4.15 BIDDESTONE ALL-AGED STAKES (£4,620: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (3) 0460310 SKI CAPTAIN 2 (D,F,G,S) (B Dickson) P Howling 5-9-10 C Rutter 87
2 (1) 112804 MZEFF 59 (B,D,F) (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 3-9-3 J Williams 78
3 (4) 201533 PALEY PRINCE 5 (D,BF,F,G) (J Pitt) M Usher 3-9-3 M Wigham 96
4 (7) 32241 CANTORIS 13 (D,F) (D Robinson) R Williams 3-8-11 J Reid 70
5 (6) 362003 ACROSS THE BAY 11 (D,F) (J Redmond) S Dow 2-7-12 G Bardwell 90
6 (8) 1 EAGER DEVA 20 (D,F) (Dubericam Racing Ltd) R Hollinshead 2-7-12 A Culhane 88
7 (2) 013230 LYNDSEYLEE 11 (D,F,S) (G Syvret) J Berry 2-7-10 J Quinn (3) ● 99
8 (5) 331080 COPPER TOP 7 (D,F) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 2-7-7 N Adams 74

BETTING: 4-5 Paley Prince, 9-2 Ski Captain, 7-1 Lyndseylee, 10-1 Across The Bay, 12-1 Eager Deva, 14-1 others.
1988: P J KELLY 3-8-7 A Whitehall (13-2) D Laing 9 ran

FORM FOCUS SKI CAPTAIN makes a quick return after finishing out of first 6 behind Lugana Beach (gave 13lb) at Ascot (5f); earlier came home in good style by 4l from Meeson King (rec 6lb) at Goodwood (5f). MZEFF 4th beaten 2¾l by Torius (rec 12lb) at Sandown (5f). PALEY PRINCE was probably attempting the impossible when the subject of a gamble finishing 3rd beaten 2¾l by Joe Sudgen (rec 23lb) in a very compeitive handicap at York (5f).
CANTORIS won a maiden by ¾l from Master Otmo House (gave 3lb) at Brighton (5f). ACROSS THE BAY stayed on inside the final furlong when 3rd beaten over 2l by Indal's Twist (rec 14lb) with LYNDSEYLEE (gave 10lb) 7th beaten over 5lat Newmarket (5f).
EAGER DEVA needed the run when beating Comedy River (levels) by 1½l in good style at Nottingham (5f). Has scope to improve and should make the frame.
Selection: PALEY PRINCE

4.45 GAINSBOROUGH CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (10) 5-4601 JUMBY BAY 7 (D,F) (A Bodie) G Harwood 9-7 A Clark 96
2 (4) 01350 SECRETARY OF STATE 63 (D,F) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-2 T Quinn 97
3 (6) 04125-0 DOWN THE VALLEY 12 (F) (R Shannon) R Hannon 8-8 J Reid 94
4 (8) 040 RISE OVER 17 (G Roberts) K White 8-8 Ron Hills (5) 96
5 (1) 00- CAROL SINGING 467 (Mrs C Howard) J Fitch-Heyes 8-6 N Adams —
6 (2) 400534 TWILIGHT FANTASY 6 (C Philipson) M Blanshard 8-4 J Williams 83
7 (7) TAY PEARL (A Richards) M Johnston 8-3 R P Elliott —
8 (9) 0-6000 SOLDIER BOY 11 (Mrs P Lewis) J Dunlop 8-1 A Culhane ● 99
9 (5) 05-0600 KING TOH-TOH 132 (T Malki) P Howling 7-11 S Dawson 75
10 (3) 002005 RECIDIVIST 86 (C Hill) R Hodges 7-8 G Hind (5) 96

BETTING: 5-6 Jumby Bay, 5-2 Secretary Of State, 6-1 Down The Valley, 7-1 Soldier Boy, 12-1 Rise Over, 14-1 Twilight Fantasy, 20-1 others.
1988: SCHROT HANDLER 8-5 B Rouse (12-1) R Hannon 15 ran

FORM FOCUS JUMBY BAY despite being hampered won in good style by ¾l from Nayland (levels) at Pontefract (1m). The stables in top form. SECRETARY OF STATE disappointed when last of 10 to Showdown (rec 13lb) at Windsor (1m) when returning after a two month break; earlier 5th beaten over 3l by Woodside Mill (gave 6lb) at Sandown (7f).
DOWN THE VALLEY failed to show on his only start this season when 13th of 15 to Schhh You-Know-Who (gave 8lb) at Salisbury (1m 2f); last season won a nursery at Yarmouth (7f). SOLDIER BOY could never get into the contest when 6th of 19 beaten over 8l by Sappho Comet (levels), his stable companion, at Lingfield (7f).
Selection: JUMBY BAY

5.15 WHITSBURY MANOR MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,889: 7f) (17 runners)

1 (12) BULLACE (I Pilkington) J Dunlop 9-0 A Clark —
2 (10) FLANAGAN (Sir G Meyrick) P Cole 9-0 A Simpson (7) —
3 (1) FUGLER'S FOLLY (R Thompson) W Haggas 9-0 A Culhane —
4 (6) 50 HAVERTON 58 (J McCarthy) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham (7) —
5 (15) LARA'S ELEGANT (J Mason) K White 9-0 — —
6 (3) 0 LASER CONTACT 27 (Mrs V Gaucci Del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0 M Wigham —
7 (4) LUSTREMAN (Smiths Cleaning Service) B Stevens 9-0 D McKay —
8 (14) 40 OUR VISION 55 (D Mort) C Brittain 9-0 W Ryan 81
9 (7) 0 PATSBERIC 12 (E Bicknell) R Holder 9-0 A Dicks —
10 (8) 065303 RUSSIAN RED 63 (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 9-0 J Williams 89
11 (13) 0 SILENT STEPS 94 (R Curtis) M McCormack 9-0 J Reid —
12 (11) 6 STRONGLY FAVOURED 65 (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0 S Raymont 88
13 (17) ZOMAN (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn —
14 (5) ALSHEEN (A Morton) K Brassey 8-9 N Adams —
15 (2) 2 NO SHARPS OR FLATS 13 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-9 G Starkey 95
16 (16) 3 SAMSOVA 24 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-9 J Matthias ● 99
17 (9) 50 VERDEUSE 76 (Sir T Antico) B Hills 8-9 G Baxter 88

BETTING: 15-8 No Sharps Or Flats, 11-4 Samsova, 9-2 Strongly Favoured, 7-1 Zoman, 8-1 Bullace, Verdeuse, 12-1 others.
1988: SIMJOUR 8-7 W Newnes (10-1) R Johnson Houghton 20 ran

FORM FOCUS HAVERTON, has not show much on two outings, 18th of 24 to Royal Fi Fi (gave 2lb) at Windsor (6f). LASER CONTACT needed the run when last of 8 to Elmaamul (gave 9lb) at Sandown (1m).
STRONGLY FAVOURED showed ability when 6th of 20 to Southern Beau (levels) at Newbury (7f). NO SHARP OR FLATS 2nd beaten 2l by Montendre (gave 5lb), a good winner on Saturday, at Brighton (6f). Has to be respected making the long trip from Stoute's Newmarket stable. SAMSOVA showed plenty of ability when 3rd beaten 5l by the very useful Free At Last (gave 5lb) at Newbury (7f).
Selection: SAMSOVA (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
W Musson	3	8	37.5
I Balding	11	42	26.2
A Bailey	4	17	23.5
M Jarvis	5	23	21.7
D Wilson	4	19	21.1
R J Houghton	3	15	20.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S O'Gorman	5	19	26.3
G Starkey	7	32	21.9
W Ryan	4	26	15.4
J Reid	14	96	14.6
J Carter	4	32	12.5
T Quinn	9	81	11.1

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Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Twotime Bid.
2.45 Echo Chamber.
3.15 Tatwij.
3.45 Bartat.
4.15 Mark Aizlewood.
4.45 VALLS D'ANDORRA (nap).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Sinodos.
2.45 Echo Chamber.
3.15 TATWIJ (nap).
3.45 Silent Girl.
4.15 Just Great.
4.45 Lariston Gale.

By Michael Seely
2.45 Chaplins Club. 4.15 MARK AIZLEWOOD (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 TATWIJ.

Going: soft **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.15 BALLANTRAE GRADUATION CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,532: 1m) (15 runners)

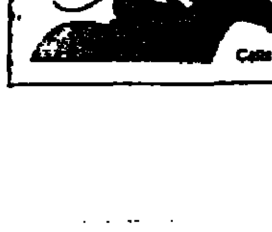
1 (12) 5-05600 DOMINICUS 4 (V) (W Kelly) M Naughton 8-11 K Fallon 89
2 (7) 0-000 CALAFURIA 107 (Don Enrico Incisa) N Tinkler 8-8 Kim Tinkler —
3 (10) 0-36 SINODOS 33 (R Waugh) W Jarvis 8-8 Pat Eddery 93
4 (3) 0-006 FESTIVE FALCON 136 (T Wellard) P Makin 8-6 Dean McKeown 77
5 (5) 480 HOME STRAIGHT 58 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-4 S Webster 84
6 (4) 308050 VISUAL STAR 35 (Mrs H Mills) M Brittain 8-4 A Munro (3) 77
7 (14) 0020 KEEN AS MUSTARD 125 (BF) (Mrs W McAlpine) D Morley 8-3 M Birch 86
8 (9) 005000 MRS MILLS 17 (Havenwood Con's Ltd) P Felgate 8-3 G Duffield —
9 (11) 232530 REGAL SALUTE 16 (Mrs K Ashbourne) W Haggas 8-3 K Darley ● 98
10 (8) 040-06 TWOTIME BID 58 (Mrs C Geraghty) Miss S Hall 8-2 R Hills 93
11 (15) 006240 HIDDEN BEAUTY 34 (L Ward) K Ivory 8-0 N Kennedy (7) 81
12 (6) 530344 MAFAZA 13 (B) (HH Prince Yazid Saud) J Berry 8-0 J Carroll 96
13 (1) 02-0050 MRS WING COMMANDER 35 (B) (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-0 L Dettori —
14 (13) 0600 ANFIELD SALLY 90 (J Ogden) R Whitaker 7-13 J Lowe —
15 (2) 00-0000 LUCKY SUNDAY 24 (William Young) J Wainwright 7-11 P Burke —

BETTING: 7-2 Regal Salute, 9-2 Sinodos, 5-1 Mafaza, 6-1 Twotime Bid, 8-1 Mrs Wing Commander, Hidden Beauty, 10-1 Keen As Mustard, 12-1 Festive Falcon, 14-1 others.
1988: FIGHTING GORYTUS 8-11 K Hodgson (7-2) C Booth 10 ran

2.45 AYR SPRINT HANDICAP (£4,370: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (19) 30-0004 PROUD AND KEEN 84 (B,F,S) (Miss D Keen) N Callaghan 4-10-0 L Dettori 86
2 (12) 000001 DAWN'S DELIGHT 5 (D,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 11-9-13 (10ex) N Kennedy (7) 98
3 (2) 020120 CHAPLINS CLUB 16 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 9-9-10 K Darley 97
4 (3) 401003 DIET 21 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs M Clydesdale) J S Wilson 3-8-12 N Connorton 93
5 (17) 043240 DONOVAN ROSE 24 (V,CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) J Berry 4-8-11 J Carroll 96
6 (15) 60-6020 SMALL FEE 5 (B) (S Eaton) M Brittain 4-8-8 Pat Eddery 87
7 (6) 150820 BLUE MISCHIEF 22 (D,F) (R Gibbons) R Allan 3-8-7 S Webster 96
8 (9) 000003 AHSANTA SAHA 23 (D,S) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 Dean McKeown 92
9 (18) 5-20032 LONG ARM OF TH'LAW 21 (B,G) (E Geddes) W Pearce 3-8-6 M Birch 96
10 (20) 005304 ECHO CHAMBER 10 (D,F) (N'hampton Mercury) M Tompkins 3-8-5 Dale Gibson (5) 96
11 (16) 0-00300 NIGHT LADY 17 (F,S) (P Gorman) J Berry 3-8-5 E Guest ● 99
12 (8) 040600 THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 5 (D,F,G) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 5-7-13 G Duffield 97
13 (11) 424004 SEA DEVIL 23 (E Noble) M Camacho 3-7-12 J Fortune (5) 96
14 (10) 410332 NO QUARTER GIVEN 7 (D,F,S) (J David Abell) P Felgate 4-7-10 J Lowe 95
15 (4) 000000 PAYVASHOOZ 5 (F,S) (M D M Racing Ltd) M Brittain 4-7-8 A Munro (3) 87
16 (5) 0033-00 OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 28 (B,CD,F,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Mackie 5-7-8 P Burke 87
17 (1) 016461 THE RIGHT TIME 7 (B,D,F,S) (J Myers) J Parkes 4-7-7 (7ex) N Carlisle 92
18 (13) 030334 PHILIP 30 (D,F,G,S) (D Morley) N Tinkler 7-7-7 Kim Tinkler 93
19 (7) 050804 B GRADE 27 (CD,S) (J Tunstall) J Balding 4-7-7 M Fry 93
20 (14) 000080 SHARI LOUISE 37 (B,D,F,S) (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 6-7-7 G Husband (7) 80

Long handicap: Philip 7-2, B Grade 7-2, Shari Louise 6-0.
BETTING: 5-1 Chaplins Club, 6-1 Dawn's Delight, 7-1 Diet, 8-1 Ahsanta Saha, Donovan Rose, 10-1 Long Arm Of Th'Law, Proud And Keen, 12-1 Sea Devil, Echo Chamber, 14-1 The Devil's Music, 16-1 others.
1988: HARRY HULL 5-7-7 J Lowe (16-1) M W Easterby 11 ran

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3.15 EBF ARRAN GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,364: 5f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 632221 ECHO PRINCESS 6 (D,F) (Liverpool Daily Post and Echo) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll 73
2 (1) 1 TATWIJ 7 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-2 R Hills ● 99
3 (2) 13544 WESTERN MUSIC 4 (CD,F) (Western Group) J S Wilson 9-2 Dean McKeown 82
4 (4) 5 BRIGHTANDBEAUTIFUL 13 (J Miller) C Brittain 8-8 Pat Eddery 70
5 (5) 3 ESTEFAN 7 (J David Abell) P Felgate 8-8 K Darley 82
6 (6) 23042 HOMOSASSA 7 (H Curley) N Chance (Ire) 8-8 Dale Gibson (5) 93

BETTING: 4-6 Tatwij, 7-2 Homosassa, 7-1 Estefan, 10-1 Western Music, 12-1 Echo Princess, 20-1 Brightandbeautiful.
1988: CRAG HALL 8-5 N Connorton (8-1) J W Watts 7 ran

3.45 CLYDE COAST NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,947: 1m) (9 runners)

1 (7) 91 BARTAT 12 (F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7 Pat Eddery 94
2 (4) 1 ALBERT 24 (C,S) (G Reed) C Thornton 9-1 J Bleasdale 87
3 (6) 36140 GOLDEN TORQUE 25 (BF,F) (Deatmatch Ltd) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 Dean McKeown 91
4 (5) 861 SILENT GIRL 10 (D,F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-2 L Dettori ● 99
5 (3) 50010 WALKERN WITCH 18 (G) (J Dyson) D Thom 7-13 J Lowe 87
6 (9) 336 FARA 38 (Miss H Monteith) Miss S Hall 7-12 A Munro (3) 83
7 (8) 085414 BOLD STREET BLUES 7 (D,S) (P Savill) C Tinkler 7-7 S Wood (5) 94
8 (1) 003200 GUARANTEE 13 (A Richards) C Brittain 7-7 M Fry 94
9 (2) 366565 XHUBE 25 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 7-7 Dale Gibson (5) 94

Long handicap: Guarantee 7-6, Xhube 7-1.
BETTING: 11-4 Bartat, 7-2 Silent Girl, 4-1 Albert, 5-1 Golden Torque, 7-1 Bold Street Blues, 8-1 Guarantee, 10-1 Walkern Witch, 12-1 Xhube, 16-1 Fara.
1988: DALE PARK 8-7 Kim Tinkler (9-1) N Tinkler 19 ran

4.15 PRESTWICK SELLING STAKES (£2,805: 1m 3f) (17 runners)

1 (13) 454082 MARK AIZLEWOOD 23 (V,F,G) (D Gill) R Whitaker 4-9-3 Dean McKeown ● 99
2 (2) 00-8410 SKIMMING 19J (C,G) (Lionville Builders) G Moore 4-9-3 L Dettori 77
3 (5) 31-0000 ALVECOTE LADY 56 (G) (D Collins) P Felgate 4-9-0 K Darley 78
4 (11) 006603 BECKWITH 150 (V) (W Kelly) M Naughton 4-8-12 K Fallon 88
5 (13) 0-00 CREE LEADER 5 (D Lonsdale) N Bycroft 4-8-12 M Birch —
6 (16) 106U06 TARLOGIE 65J (S) (J Carr (Durham)) S Muldoon 3-8-10 K Hodgson 94
7 (11) 120200 OUR MUSIC 4 (F) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 3-8-7 Kim Tinkler 92
8 (7) 020005 CROFTER'S COURT 5 (B) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-5 S Webster 89
9 (14) 00-0000 JESTMENOT 82 (P Tierney) J Wainwright 3-8-5 S Morris —
10 (15) 256004 JUST GREAT 28 (J Ashurst) D Thom 3-8-5 Dale Gibson (5) 84
11 (8) 600 LOVING BROTHER SID 7 (G Reed) C Thornton 3-8-5 J Bleasdale —
12 (17) 3-60044 MIAMI BEAR 61J (J Campbell) J Berry 3-8-5 J Carroll 90
13 (3) 0 BIT OR EDGE 25 (N Angus) J S Wilson 3-8-2 J Lowe —
14 (4) 20-6040 DUNCTON HILL 6 (J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 3-8-2 G Duffield 87
15 (12) 0 MP THROUGH 47 (W Barker) Miss S Hall 3-8-2 M Fry —
16 (6) 600 ROYAL DESTINY 95 (Avon Industries) P Makin 3-8-2 R Hills 90
17 (3) 040-005 TASKALADY 4 (G Jones) M Brittain 3-8-2 A Munro (3) —

BETTING: 11-4 Mark Aizlewood, 7-2 Our Music, 9-2 Miami Bear, 6-1 Just Great, 8-1 Skimming, 10-1 Royal Destiny, 12-1 Beckwith, 16-1 others.
1988: MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER 4-8-8 K Fallon (9-2 fav) M Naughton 13 ran

4.45 AUCHINCRUIVE HANDICAP (£4,240: 1m 7f) (16 runners)

1 (1) 5-211 ALLASDALE 171 (G,S) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-10-0 Pat Eddery 94
2 (5) 064-3 POSSETIVE PLANT 24 (Mrs J Armstrong) J Jefferson 4-8-12 K Fallon 83
3 (11) 152211 VALLS D'ANDORRA 67 (D,F,G) (Bakewell Bstock) P Makin 3-8-10 Dean McKeown 89
4 (6) 5-08484 LARISTON GALE 25 (C,BF,S) (Lariston Ltd) M Tompkins 3-8-10 Dale Gibson (5) 90
5 (15) 464014 HOPPING AROUND 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R goers Club) C Thornton 5-8-9 J Bleasdale 96
6 (13) 546402 WESSEX 87 (C,G,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 7-8-8 Kim Tinkler 85
7 (8) 156000 SILK THREAD 23 (C,D,G,S) (G Tufts) R Whitaker 6-8-4 K Darley 96
8 (12) 362030 ALDRA BOND 42J (F,G) (M Johnson) G Moore 4-8-4 L Dettori 98
9 (7) 0-86524 ITMA 65 (G) (R Gibbons) R Allan 6-8-0 S Wood (5) 90
10 (2) 130605 REVARO 16 (C,G,S) (G Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-11 A Munro (3) ● 99
11 (14) 00-0350 CARDUSEL CALYPSO 105 (A Saccomando) W Pearce 3-7-9 J Fortune (5) 90
12 (9) 064230 BURCROFT 7 (V,C,F,G,S) (R Lee) R Whitaker 5-7-9 M Fry 89
13 (3) 0-55 CAMPFIRE 49 (G Reed) C Thornton 3-7-7 G Husband (7) 89
14 (4) 800602 HOT STAR 21 (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 3-7-7 J Lowe 87
15 (16) 500-025 KHARIF 154 (G) (R Allan) R Allan 5-7-7 P Dalton (7) 86
16 (12) 166664 TIMSOLO 6 (D,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 6-7-7 P Burke 80

Long handicap: Campfire 7-4, Hot Star 7-4, Kharif 7-3, Timsolo 7-1.
BETTING: 9-2 Valls D'Andorra, 11-2 Allasdale, 6-1 Hopping Around, 7-1 Lariston Gale, 8-1 Silk Thread, 10-1 Revaro, 12-1 Possetive Plant, 14-1 Itma, Wessex, 16-1 others
1988: PAT'S JESTER 5-8-4 S Webster (9-4 fav) R Allan 9 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Ramsden	12	37	32.4
J Jefferson	6	21	28.6
G Harwood	6	22	27.3
M Camacho	3	13	23.1
C Tinkler	10	48	20.8
M Prescott	5	27	18.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	7	17	41.2
M Birch	32	158	20.3
J Carroll	13	65	20.0
G Duffield	27	149	18.1
K Hodgson	8	49	16.3
K Fallon	7	45	15.6

British duo well beaten in France

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Shaadi (Walter Swinburn) and Gold Seam (Willie Carson) ran well below expectations in the £44,703 Prix de la Forêt at Longchamp yesterday, finishing fifth and seventh behind Gabina.

The winner, who had refused to enter the stalls for the Prix de l'Opera a week earlier, chased Royal Touch all the way up the straight and caught her in the final stride to win by a short head. Gabina, a top-class filly on her day, had run second to Salse in last year's Forêt. This was her final race.

Neither of the British raiders was ever going well enough to put in a challenge. Shaadi "never clicked", according to Swinburn, while Carson said that Gold Seam was "unbalanced most of the way and did not like the course."

Creator, winner of the Prix Dollar at Longchamp nine days ago, is the only definite French runner for the Dubai Champion Stakes, at Newmarket on Saturday. André Fabre will have to find a new jockey for him because of Cash Asmussen's injury.

Longchamp details

Going: good
PRIX DE LA FORET (7f) 1, GABINA (E Legrix); 2, Royal Touch (G Dubroeucq); 3, Alloche (A Cruz). ALSO RAN: Malaspina (4th), Shaadi (5th), Navratilovna (6th), Gold Seam (7th), Ocean Falls. 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 1½l. J Cunnington. Pari-Mutuel (including 1fr stake): 4.50; 1.70, 3.30, 3.20. DF: 82.30. 1min 21sec.

● Savahra Sound (Bruce Raymond) was an easy winner of the £18,692 Grosser Sprint Preis Der Electronic 2000 (6f) at Munich yesterday. The winner started 14-10 favourite.

● Ruby Tiger (Richard Quinn) beat the other British challenger, Kerama by 2½ lengths to land the £18,359 Premio Dormello (1m) at San Siro, Milan, yesterday. Just A Flutter, formerly with Michael Jarvis but now trained in Germany, won the Premio Vittorio di Capua from Miss Secreto and Reprimand.

Asmussen has neck injuries

Cash Asmussen is likely to be out of action for at least two weeks following his fall at Maisons-Laffitte on Friday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Asmussen, who was wearing a surgical collar at Longchamp yesterday, said: "I have pulled all the muscles in my neck and have cracked part of my seventh vertebra, although not the part on the spinal cord. I'll be back as soon as possible."

Royal Vote adds further strength to Harwood hand

By Christopher Goulding

Guy Harwood's impressive hand in Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch gained further strength yesterday when he confirmed Royal Vote as the third representative from his Pulborough stable.

Harwood had initially decided against running the colt in the second leg of the autumn double after his easy victory at Ascot on Friday but has had second thoughts. Ray Cochrane, Harwood's stable jockey next season, will take the ride.

Harwood will also be represented by Santella Bobkes, who recently had an outing over hurdles, and Michael Roberts is expected to have the mount.

Pat Eddery rides the third Harwood challenger, Royal Square, and the trainer also confirmed Eddery as the rider of Ile De Chypre in Saturday's Dubai Champion Stakes.

Dick Hern had news yesterday of Nashwan's participation in the 10-furlong event. "Nashwan is in fine form and is a definite runner," he said. The West Ilsley trainer, however, has been prevented from getting another race into Nashwan's half-brother, Mukddaam, as he is coughing.

Michael Jarvis has ruled out Carroll House's participation despite the colt's recovery from a 10-inch gash on his off-hind leg sustained after his victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "He's back cantering and in excellent form," said Jarvis. "If he does run again it will be the Japan Cup."

Treble Eight, an impressive winner on his debut at Newmarket for Jarvis, will reappear in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Newcastle on Saturday week.

Henry Cecil has both High Estate and Michelozzo in the Champion Stakes. However, Michelozzo will only take his chance if there is some cut in the ground.

Alydaress, Cecil's Irish Oaks winner, will have her final outing in Rome next month. The champion trainer will also send Citidancer abroad for the Washington International.

Vincent O'Brien has yet to make a final decision on whether he will attempt to win Friday's Dewhurst Stakes for the eighth time with Royal Academy. However, if Royal Academy does not run, Ireland will still be represented by the Tommy Stack-trained Single Combat.

"I am waiting on Vincent," Stack said yesterday. "If he does not run I should think we will come over. My fellow is pretty decent. He won the group three Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh."

The Jockey Club's delay into the inquiry as to whether Aliysa will be allowed to keep the Oaks has become a contentious issue.

Snow Bride, the runner-up to Aliysa at Epsom, will be the benefactor if the Aga Khan-owned filly is disqualified. But she would not have been eligible for Saturday's Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot as she would then have become the winner of a group one contest.

Steve Cauthen, riding the filly in her final race before retiring to stud, again demonstrated his brilliant judgement of pace when he overhauled the pacemaker. Princess Sobieska, inside the final furlong without resorting to the whip.

Willie Carson, the rider of Princess Sobieska, was earlier fortunate to escape the wrath of the Ascot stewards after winning the the Red Oaks Autumn Stakes.

Carson had nowhere to go on Noble Patriarch as the winning post loomed and when pulling out for his run he nearly brought Chirone and Pat Eddery to the ground.

Argentum's devasting burst of acceleration in the Cornwallis Stakes will stand him in good stead next season. "When you press the button he just goes," explained a jubilant Jack Holt, the successful trainer. "He's the second most expensive horse I have ever bought at 12,000gns."

Delay denial by BBC

Julian Wilson, the BBC's racing correspondent, yesterday denied that *Grandstand* was responsible for delaying the Bovis Handicap at Ascot on Saturday.

The £20,000 sprint, due off at 3.0, started 24 minutes late. Contributing to that delay were a first race hold-up when Platonique spread a plate and a stewards' inquiry. The 2.0 race started at 2.11 and the 2.30 at 2.44.

The late starting times threw Grandstand's schedule into confusion but Wilson denied that Ascot racegoers had suffered at the hands of TV viewers.

"It is quite wrong to say that the Bovis Handicap was delayed so long at the BBC's request. We merely asked that the intervals between races be maintained so that the Bovis Handicap could be seen live by our viewers."

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Selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Ivrea. 2.30 Fyfield House. 3.0 Sappho Comet. 3.30 Groom Star. 4.0 Native Twine. 4.30 Snowspin. 5.0 Qaswarah.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Princess Tanimara. 2.30 Miss Adventure. 3.0 Headquarters. 3.30 Tring Park. 4.0 Native Twine. 4.30 Seenachance. 5.0 Qaswarah.

Going: firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,578: 7f) (12 runners)

1 60 ALTAIA 45 W Haggas 8-11 S Giles (7) 11
2 0 ASH AMOUR 11 R Williams 8-11 W Newnes 6
3 BARKSTON SINGER I Campbell 8-11 C Dwyer 10
4 0 CIRCUS FEATHERS 11 J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 9
5 0 CUSTARD PIE 13 R Akehurst 8-11 S Whitworth 1
6 0 IMPORTANT GUEST 13 I Matthews 8-11 A McGlone 7
7 0 I SEE ICE 52 B Hills 8-11 D Holland (7) 4
8 IVREA M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 12
9 KATSINA B Hills 8-11 M Hills 2
10 00 POWER OF PRAYER 28 C Williams 8-11 Paul Eddery 5
11 00 PRINCESS TANIMARA 73 J Scargill 8-11 S Cauthen 3
12 SINCERELY YOURS R Hollinshead 8-11 S Parks 8

6-4 Katsina, 2-1 Ivrea, 6-1 Circus Feathers, 10-1 Altaia, 12-1 Important Guest, 14-1 Custard Pie, 16-1 others.

2.30 STOAT NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,480: 1m 2f) (14)

1 3302 MILLFIELDS LADY 10 (F) R Simpson 9-7 S Whitworth 9
2 0046 FYFIELD HOUSE 20 G Balding 9-7 S Cauthen 8
3 2000 CHANGE OF MOOD 7 C Cyzer 9-3 A Morris (7) 6
4 064 PIPERS HILL 10 K Cunningham-Brown 9-1 N Day 4
5 4633 MISS ADVENTURE 10 M Tompkins 8-11 M Hills 1
6 6003 WINSLOW LAD 7 R Stubbs 8-10 A Mackay 3
7 0000 YER-NO-PUGGY 6 R Hollinshead 8-10 S Perks 12
8 3080 SUPREME COURT 5 S Muldoon 8-5 — 5
9 0050 MICHATLOU 5 R Thompson 8-5 D Want (7) 7
10 4050 SANDHURST LASS 5 (F) D Yeoman 8-5 M Roberts 2
11 0600 BLACKTHORN WINTER 7 M Blanshard 8-1 A McGlone 11
12 3050 NIGHT FOLLOWS DAY 48 (B) D Arbuthnot 7-10 W Carson
13 5000 COME ON NORA 108 M Usher 7-9 R Fox 14
14 6000 COOLAGOWN 19 N Callaghan 7-7 F Norton (7) 13

3-1 Millfields Lady, 4-1 Fyfield House, 9-2 Miss Adventure, 6-1 Pipers Hill, 7-1 Winslow Lad, 10-1 Blackthorn Winter.

3.0 BADGER EBF STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m) (6)

1 4123 OPERATION WOLF 28 (F) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 2
2 3005 AZEB 4 (F) R Stubbs 8-11 A Mackay 6
3 22 DANBURY 17 (BF) G Harwood 8-11 W R Swinburn 4
4 21-0 HEADQUARTERS 164 (F) H Cecil 8-11 S Cauthen 1
5 -021 SAPPHO COMET 11 (F) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 3
6 0506 TOPHAMS 101 R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 5

2-1 Sappho Comet, 11-4 Operation Wolf, 3-1 Danbury, 4-1 Headquarters, 20-1 Azeb, 33-1 Tophams.

3.30 RABBIT HANDICAP (£4,105: 1m 4f) (14)

1 0521 GROOM STAR 6 (F) G Harwood 3-10-1 (5ex) W Carson 10
2 1100 SULUK 6 (D,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-8 S Perks 11
3 214/ VINTAGE PORT 1143 (G) R Akehurst 7-9-7 S Whitworth 3
4 5480 GOLDEN MAIN 12 C Brittain 3-9-2 M Roberts 13
5 3001 KTOLO 6 (D,F) R Akehurst 3-9-2 (5ex). W R Swinburn 9
6 -430 DIANA DEE 27 B Hills 3-9-1 M Hills 7
7 -406 JAMES RIVER 6 J Dunlop 3-9-1 G Carter 6
8 60P0 HENRYK 84 (C,F) B Curley 5-8-13 A Mackay 12
9 0600 TRING PARK 12 (B,BF) M Tompkins 3-8-9 W Newnes 4
10 8040 PULSINGH 7 (D,F,G) C Benstead 7-8-2 A McGlone 5
11 0052 BOHEA DESTROYER 101 (B,S) P Burgoyne 4-7-10 — 8
12 000- CROFTHALL BLINDER 492 T Kersey 4-7-7 — 14
13 0030 TUFTY LADY 13 (F) I Campbell 5-7-7 R Fox 1
14 0654 DOCTOR'S REMEDY 28 M Tate 3-7-7 — 2

3-1 Groom Star, 4-1 Ktolo, 5-1 Diana Dee, 6-1 Golden Main, 7-1 Bohea Destroyer, 10-1 Pulsingh, 12-1 others.

4.0 HEDGEHOG STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,516: 6f) (3)

1 212 NATIVE TWINE 31 (D,F) H Cecil 8-11 S Cauthen 1
2 13 SALTESSA 105 (D,BF,F) B Hanbury 8-10 B Raymond 2
3 3 EXPRESS ACCOUNT 75 R Williams 8-7 Alison Harper (7) 3

4-6 Native Twine, 7-4 Saltessa, 6-1 Express Account.

4.30 HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,578: 7f) (8)

1 CALLIPOLI John FitzGerald 8-11 R Fox 1
2 NAFZAWA M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 6
3 SAGAR ISLAND M Stoute 8-11 G Carter 7
4 054 SEENACHANCE 16 R Williams 8-11 W Newnes 5
5 SNOWSPIN W Hern 8-11 W Carson 4
6 STAR OF THE FUTURE B Hills 8-11 M Hills 2
7 VISION OF INDIA P Walwyn 8-11 S Cauthen 8
8 WONDERMENT Lady Herries 8-11 Paul Eddery 3

5-2 Star Of The Future, 3-1 Sagar Island, 4-1 Nafzawa, 5-1 Snowspin, 10-1 Seenachance, 12-1 others.

5.0 HARE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,559: 7f) (8)

1 FORTUNE'S KOP J Bosley 8-11 B Procter 4
2 GALWAY ANNIE K Whitgreave 8-11 W Hayes 2
3 5 LADY LITA 25 R Guest 8-11 Paul Eddery 1
4 OBLIST B Hills 8-11 M Hills 8
5 OOGIE POOGIE M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 7
6 PEACE TALK I Campbell 8-11 A Bond 3
7 6 QASWARAH 24 A Stewart 8-11 M Roberts 5
8 SHEMALEYAH W Hern 8-11 W Carson 6

7-4 Oogie Poogie, 9-4 Qaswarah, 7-2 Shemaleyah, 4-1 Oblist, 12-1 Lady Lita, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 28 winners from 79 runners, 35.4%; M Stoute, 22 from 85, 25.9%; G Harwood, 10 from 41, 24.4%; D Arbuthnot, 6 from 30, 20.0%; A Stewart, 8 from 42, 19.0%; J Dunlop, 24 from 127, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: S Cauthen, 34 winners from 122 rides, 27.9%; W Carson, 28 from 179, 15.6%; W R Swinburn, 15 from 105, 14.3%; M Hills, 11 from 98, 11.2%; M Roberts, 13 from 125, 10.3% (Only qualifiers).

Saturday's results

Ascot

2.0 1, Noble Patriarch (12-1); 2, Harbour Bar (33-1); 3, Green's Leader (12-1) Golan Heights 10-11 fav. 10 ran
2.30 1, Snow Bride (13-8 fav); 2, Princess Sobieska (13-2); 3, Lady Shipley (8-1) 10 ran.
3.0 1, Lugana Beach (10-1); 2, Cumbrian Waltzer (9-2 fav); 3, Craft Express (16-1); 4, Pondor Dancer (20-1) 15 ran
3.35 1, Argentum (3-2); 2, Something different (13-2); 3, Dancing Music (10-1) Haunting Beauty 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Sharpshoon, Todwin
4.10 1, Aradu (9-1); 2, Gildercain (12-1); 3, Full Quiver (25-1); 4, Sleepline Fantasy (14-1) Western Wolf 9-2 fav. 16 ran
4.40 1, Dovekie (3-1); 2, Valira (4-9 fav); 3, Top Of The World (13-2) 3 ran

York

2.15 1, Flying Diva (5-4); 2, Miss Java (6-5 fav); 3, Gant Bleu (16-1) 5 ran.
2.45 1, Silk Braid (2-1 fav); 2, Opening Overture (8-1); 3, Polish Princess (6-1) 14 ran.
3.15 1, Monsendre (Evens fav); 2, Daarik (6-4); 3, Vax Lady (25-1). 7 ran
3.45 1, Khaydara (7-1); 2, Prolific (10-1); 3, Dorking Lad (8-1). Macrobian 4-1 fav. 11 ran
4.15 1, Pinctada (10-1); 2, Joveworth (12-1); 3, Ratoomero (11-2); 4, Steady Mountain (6-1). Cawn Storm 4-1 fav. 15 ran
4.45 1, Choral Sundown (12-1); 2, Fenfire (12-1); 3, Ultra Light (10-1) Lava Falls 3-1 fav 12 ran.
5.15 1, Pokey's Pride (11-2); 2, Caspian Mist (7-2); 3, Houghton (12-1) Foreign Asset 7-4 fav. 7 ran

Ayr

2.0 1, Halcanor (10-1); 2, Magic Sollera (5-1); 3, Big Eee Boy (5-1) Border Archer 9-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Rose Tableau
2.30 1, Bonnie Artist (12-1); 2, Imperial Lad (3-2); 3, Tycoon Moon (50-1) Stag Dinner 11-10 fav. 7 ran
3.0 1, Arden (11-8 fav); 2, Aston Express (7-4); 3, Tartan Tailor (9-2) 8 ran.
3.30 1, Stay On Tracks (15-8 fav); 2, J-J-Henry (5-1); 3, Brandy Harrsin (7-1) 7 ran
4.0 1, Blazing Walker (5-6 fav); 2, Tartan Tradesman (5-1); 3, Another Schedule (3-1) 7 ran
4.30 1, Albert The Great (10-1); 2, Roscoe The Brave (5-2); 3, Good Mood (11-2) Fresh Mint 3-1 fav. 15 ran

Bangor

2.15 1, Valiant Cash (5-1); 2, Sybilan (8-13 fav); 3, Tap Dancing (20-1) 11 ran. NR: Broken Line
2.45 1, Gair (2-11 fav); 2, Powys Prince (11-8); 3, Compressor (100-1) 4 ran
3.15 1, Joist (3-1); 2, Gadabout (11-4); 3, Miss Club Royal (3-1). Pyramis 9-4 fav. 4 ran
3.50 1, Third In Line (15-8); 2, Palm Lad (6-1); Only 2 finished. Imacyrra 8-11 fav. 4 ran
4.25 1, Tribal Mascot (3-1 fav); 2, Purple Silk (33-1); 3, Mr Murdock (12-1) 13 ran. NR: Silver Arry
4.50 1, High Imp (5-1); 2, Winter Measure (11-4); 3, Percyme's Pride (16-1). Pura Money 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Kerbo.
5.20 1, Searcher (10-11 fav); 2, Golden Fare (33-1); 3, Nuns Little One (33-1) 14 ran

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
M Stoute	100	83	70	7	-56.32
H Cecil	105	58	46	0	+8.53
G Harwood	98	77	35	0	+38.41
J Berry	91	88	80	4	-147.28
L Cumani	62	41	45	0	-7.86
B Hills	62	47	51	0	-120.66
J Dunlop	58	50	54	0	-90.13
M H Easterby	55	51	54	12	-183.57
P Cole	44	42	58	32	-132.88
R Hannon	44	61	61	36	-193.29
W Hern	43	34	40	5	-59.47

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pat Eddery	163	118	89	6	-132.15
S Cauthen	153	85	60	2	+74.25
W Carson	125	119	110	0	-155.71
R Cochrane	108	85	80	8	-91.84
M Roberts	102	97	80	14	-19.61
W R Swinburn	87	83	66	11	-208.43
M Birch	85	58	73	0	-162.14
D McKeown	85	64	56	5	-5.44
J Reid	79	67	64	1	-72.94
G Duffield	71	61	59	20	-158.46
M Hills	65	57	53	8	+4.99

Hawkster sets world record

Hawkster, trained by Ron McAnally, set a world record of 2min 22.8sec for 1½ miles when making all the running in the Oak Tree Invitational at Santa Anita, California, on Saturday.

Michael Stoute's Warrshan finished last of nine. He now joins Charlie Whittingham.

Hawkster took a 10-length lead straight from the start and none of his rivals could mount a challenge. He won by four lengths from Pay The Butler.

Hawkster's run is the most spectacular of several records set on Santa Anita's new Netlon turf course, which was unveiled at the beginning of the month. Trainers believe it has more bounce than ordinary turf.

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FOOTBALL: THE CHAMPIONS KNOW THE SCORE BUT MANCHESTER UNITED STRUGGLE WITH DISCORD IN THE BOARDROOM AND PROBLEMS ON THE FIELD

Arsenal find right notes but need greater harmony

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal........ 4
Manchester City........ 0

Arsenal, so discordant at Old Trafford on the opening day of the season, are two months later beginning to play the odd harmonious tune reminiscent of their championship form. In the words of their manager, George Graham, their passage at Highbury on Saturday was "our best so far but only in spasms."

It is as well that they are finding a few right notes. They will need them when they visit Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday night and one of the championship contenders, Everton, at the end of the week, and even more so when they meet Liverpool in the Littlewoods Cup a week on Wednesday.

On each of those occasions, Arsenal will require the contribution of the full orchestra. Against Manchester City, their score was illuminated more by soloists such as Groves, who claimed a brace of goals for the first time since being signed three years ago, Thomas and Merson.

Other individuals, such as Smith, have yet to make their mark. The club's leading scorer last season, he has scored only one in the League so far. "He is nowhere near his best," Graham admits. "He's going through one of those spells which affect all strikers."

Smith's indignity was complete when, with no opponent near him, he tripped over the ball. Groves suffered the same embarrassment. Arsenal, as might be imagined, were a mixture of the good and the bad.

Since City are even more erratic so was the fixture itself. It featured nine Englishmen who were in Poland in midweek. Arsenal's four internationals were all members of the senior squad. City's five representatives were all in the junior party on the other side of a generation gap. Arsenal's elders came of age last season. The youngsters have yet to do so.

City confirmed that they are potentially a neater, more attractive outfit than the champions. Once they have learned the lesson of consistency, they promise to graduate into a substantial force. They already can be at times, witness their 5-1 win over Manchester United.

But little was seen of City's attack for more than an hour. By then defeat was assuming heavy proportions. If their own territory is occupied, their defence is too brittle to withstand the inevitable bombardment.

After Groves had headed Arsenal into the lead, for example, they were under siege for five minutes midway through the first half. But for Cooper, assisted once by Hinchcliffe on the line, there might have been no need for Graham to suggest later that: "We could have had eight."

It was profoundly depressing to hear Graham declare that, "City closed us down so well that they forced us to use the long ball." Is Arsenal's imagination so dull that they can think of nothing more enterprising than a tactic which is designed principally for the inadequate?

They were brighter after the interval. In scoring the second Thomas refreshed memories of his dramatic strike at Anfield in May before inviting Groves to add an uncomplicated third. Winterburn, surely the most competent left back in the land, created the fourth for Merson.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, K Richardson (sub S Jonsson), A Smith, P Groves, B Marwood (sub P Merson).
MANCHESTER CITY: P Cooper, G Fleming (sub C Allen), A Hinchcliffe, I Bishop, B Gayle, S Redmond, D White, T Morley, D Oldfield, I Brightwell, P Lake.
Referee: B Hill.


Accurate Gunner: Thomas, of Arsenal, splits Redmond and Bishop, of Manchester City

United's problems as bad on pitch as in boardroom

By David Miller

Manchester United........ 0
Sheffield Wednesday... 0

Having watched Manchester United's wretchedly inept performance against Sheffield Wednesday, who displayed most of what initiative there was, you would have expected Michael Knighton to hurry to dispose of whatever interest he may still retain in the club.

After the public censure of him by the Takeover Panel for breach of code in his attempted purchase of the club — announcing on September 20 an unconditional offer approved by the Panel of Takeovers and Mergers which, in fact, his company was not financially in a position to do — Knighton was telling reporters about how he could hold his own in a punch-up if attacked by irate supporters.

Ironically, it is probable that Knighton's public behaviour, such as disporting himself on the pitch, caused doubts in the minds of some potential backers as he sought to raise loans for the takeover.

After censure by the City, not to mention the improper disclosure of financial confidences to potential backers, it is possible the directors — including men such as Amer Midani and Nigel Burrows, who probably could raise the money to buy out Edwards — will not vote to accept Knighton on to the board, something which still needs to be decided.

United's problems are equally embarrassing, on and off the field. Edwards can expect a rough ride at the AGM in December while Alex Ferguson, the manager, would be receiving more of a rough ride was it not for the boardroom controversy. The boos and whistle at the end of this match, from a loyal crowd of 41,000, were directed at a club and a team which have lost their way.

It is as insufficient to claim that Ferguson has been handicapped by injuries to Webb and Anderson as for Edwards to excuse his failure to notify his boardroom collegues of the contract with Knighton by saying Knighton wanted it kept secret. Fortunately there are no secrets out on the pitch: the players are not good enough or intelligent enough. In some instances, they are not even trying.

Pallister is no more a potential England centre back than, say, Jack Charlton — perhaps less so — and was lucky not to give away a penalty against Atkinson in the 38th minute. Phelan is what he always has been, a steady, rather one-paced club player who passes well. As for Ince, he hardly did enough to keep himself warm on an afternoon of bitter wind.

Ince's lack of involvement, combined with Wallace's admirable attempt to breathe some life into the attack down the left flank and Donaghy's instinct to do the same, left a hole on the left side of United's midfield and defence which Bennett and the wandering Atkinson were able to exploit.

Duxbury looked stiff at right back, Bruce is a vulnerable partner for Pallister, while Robson, who with Leighton stands between United and a possible slide towards relegation, is now playing increasingly deep with a consequent decline in his scoring potential, though he did have one marvellous hooked shot from Hughes's cross saved by Pressman soon after the half hour.

McClair missed an easy header early in the second half and had two other, more useful, attempts but United's porous defence kept giving encouragement to Atkinson and Whitton. Wednesday's own defence was suspect enough for the crowd to raise a surge of vocal support over the last 10 minutes, but even their loyalty had run dry by the final whistle. It does not look as if Ferguson is going to be able to recreate in Manchester his splendid run of achievement in Aberdeen.

MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; M Duxbury (sub: L Martin), M Donaghy, S Bruce, M Phelan, G Pallister, B Robson, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, D Wallace (sub: L Sharpe).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: K Pressman; J Newsome, N Worthington, C Palmer, P Shirtliff, L Madden, D Bennett, N Pearson, S Whitton, D Atkinson, C Shakespeare.
Referee: A Gunn.

Bull ruins Talbot's celebration

By Dennis Shaw

WBA........ 1
Wolves........ 2

Steve Bull's remarkable goalscoring consistency, which many observers believe could be harnessed effectively by England in Italy next summer, was the decisive factor in denying West Bromwich Albion a victory they otherwise deserved.

Bull, on his first return to the club who sold him for a song, had just one effective shot in the entire Black Country derby; it came in the 89th minute and was struck with typical confidence, taking his total to eight goals in the past six games — two of them for the England Under-21 in Poland. His fleeting chance was once again supplied by his regular provider, Mutch.

That moment finally ruined what Talbot had planned as a celebration of his first year as player-manager. His cause was on target after 27 minutes when he leaned lazily to his left and volleyed in a knock-on by Goodman.

Wolves were showing little sign of an equalizer when a time-wasting goalkeeper and an official, who applied the laws to the letter, changed it all. Referee Morton had, it seems, warned Naylor several times about delaying clearances, so when the goalkeeper held on to the ball for too long, the official ran half the length of the field to award an indirect free kick 15 yards out. Vaughan teed it up, Dennyson struck it superbly and Talbot's lead had gone.

"Naylor insists he had not heard any warnings," Talbot said. However, several players had and Naylor was punished for a similar offence at West Ham only two weeks ago.

Naylor's opposite number then made it worse. In the 80th minute, Thompson nudged Ford off the ball as he sprinted into the area; McNally fired his penalty towards the bottom left hand corner but, amazingly, Kendall got down to it.

The final word, of course, went to Bull.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: S Naylor; D Bradley (sub: G Robson), D Burgess, B Talbot, S North, C Whyte, M Barham, D Goodman, J Thomas, B McNally, T Ford.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: M Kendall; G Bellamy, M Venus, F Streete, S Westley, N Vaughan (sub: K Downing), A Thompson, M Gooding, S Bull, A Mutch, R Dennyson.
Referee: K Morton.

Wimbledon ogres forget the fear factor

By Clive White

Wimbledon........ 1
Liverpool........ 2

There was something missing at Plough Lane on Saturday which, try as they might, neither Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, nor Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, could disguise. It was fear, a fundamental ingredient in Wimbledon's recipe for success as concocted by Dave Bassett more than 10 years ago.

There was a time when its smell pervaded every corner of the visitors dressing room and manifested itself in the hearts of the opposition, even before a ball had been kicked a very long way in anger. Suddenly, the one-time ogres of the English game have forgotten how to be beastly.

Those close to the club believe that it is due to a lack of hunger, caused by the distracting influence of players' agents. Gould's explanation for their present malaise, which has dumped them third from bottom of the table, is that there has been an influx of new players who are still learning the Wimbledon way.

Certainly, one would not have thought that the loss of three particular players — Beasant, Gayle and Jones — could have caused such disruption. Wimbledon have handled changes in personnel before.

The team that horrified the purists by beating Liverpool at Wembley two seasons ago showed seven changes in its starting line-up from the one which first rocked the establishment by beating Liverpool at Anfield 14 months earlier in a League game.

In turn, the team on Saturday showed a further six changes from the FA Cup winning side. One is tempted to suggest that the contribution of the notorious Jones to notorious Wimbledon was underestimated.

Contrary to opinion in some quarters, as Dalglish pointed out, Liverpool have never been easy meat for Wimbledon, least of all at Plough Lane.

The facts are that Wimbledon have won twice and lost four times in eight League and cup meetings and have never beaten Liverpool at their delightfully ramshackled, claustrophobic stadium. Nevertheless, it is a record of which many clubs three times the size of Wimbledon would be proud.

Despite Dalglish's protestations to the contrary, I do not believe that any of his teams have ever before enjoyed an afternoon in the company of Wimbledon. Yet, dare one say it, one felt that they did so on Saturday. That is not to say that Wimbledon never worried Liverpool, because they did. But they lacked the desire to make life as typically uncomfortable as usual for their illustrious guests.

Give Liverpool an inch and they will take you to the cleaners, which is what they threatened to do after just three minutes. Barnes, displaying not a hint of the hamstring injury which prevented him playing for England in midweek, put Beardsley through for an easy goal.

Even with Grobbelaar in one of his classic Jekyll and Hyde moods, there never seemed any danger of Liverpool losing the initiative, not so long as Wimbledon continued to allow them to show just how dazzlingly attractive and effective the short game can be.

Then Grobbelaar needlessly dropped a cross from Gibson on to the head of Wise and Wimbledon, if only as far as the scoreline was concerned, were on level terms. But it took only three minutes for Liverpool's sense of injustice to wreak its retribution, the excellent Whelan following up on Staunton's adventurous work.

Barnes, standing in for the injured Rush in the central role, twice had the opportunity to leave nothing to chance but finished disappointingly. Not that it mattered. The sight of a dispirited Fashanu trundling towards the line to be substituted 14 minutes from time was tantamount to a white flag from Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers, K Curle, T Phelan, D Kruszynski (sub L Sanchez), E Young, J Scales, C Fairweather, V Ryan, J Fashanu (sub A Cork), T Gibson, D Wise.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, G Hysen, D Burrows, S Nicol, R Whelan, A Hansen, P Beardsley, B Venison, S Staunton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
Referee: L Shapter.

Norwich lack the ruthless instinct

By Vince Wright

Norwich City........ 2
Chelsea........ 0

It was easy to believe the Chelsea manager, Bobby Campbell, when he said that Norwich were by far the best team his side had faced this season. Although Chelsea's contribution to a pulsating match cannot be overlooked, the score flattered them. They might have conceded six if their goalkeeper, Beasant, had been less alert or if Norwich's finishing had been more ruthless.

Before Saturday, Norwich had drawn all four League games at Carrow Road. But the manner of their victory against one of the front runners in the first division made the wait for a victory worthwhile.

Norwich's success last season was no flash in the pan and they are capable of rising to greater heights, despite selling Phelan to Manchester United during the summer.

Chelsea, however, appear to be on the way down. Their defence, missing the injured Roberts, was alarmingly fragile, particularly on the right flank where gaps were left for Norwich to exploit. The Littlewoods Cup defeat by Scarborough, of the fourth division, has clearly shaken Chelsea's confidence.

The greatest compliment one can pay Norwich is that they seemed to have an extra player on the pitch. Their thoughtful and imaginative use of the ball matched their intelligent running off it.

Chelsea had their moments though. Kevin Wilson should have made more of a loose back pass by Bowen, Dixon twice tested Gunn and Dorigo curled a shot inches wide. There were two efforts disallowed but Norwich, with Townsend, Crook and Phillips outstanding, were always the greater threat.

Hazard was the only Chelsea player who could combat the wit and invention of Norwich, so the decision to take him off, early in the second half, was baffling. Hazard's partner in the midfield partner, Dickens, was substituted at the same time.

After 15 minutes the Norwich full back, Bowen, given a ridiculous amount of room and time, beat Beasant at the near post for his fourth goal in five games. In the fiftieth minute Fleck scored the second Norwich goal from the penalty spot, after Clarke fouled Gordon, thw winger, who was making tracks for goal after dispossessing the dithering Monkou.

Norwich thus climbed above Chelsea into third place and extended their unbeaten run, giving their manager, Dave Stringer, plenty to smile about on his 45th birthday yesterday.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn, T Sherwood, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, A Townsend, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Rosario, I Crook, D Phillips.
CHELSEA: D Beasant, S Clarke, A Dorigo, J Bumstead, D Lee, K Monkou, A Dickens (sub: C Wilson), P Nicholas, K Dixon, K Wilson, M Hazard (sub: K McAllister).
Referee: T Simpson.

Promotion is the only objective for Leeds

By Ian Ross

Leeds United........ 2
Sunderland........ 0

Howard Wilkinson and Denis Smith, the managers of Leeds and Sunderland respectively, may differ in their opinion as to how football should be played, but their verdicts on a terrible match at Elland Road on Saturday were remarkably similar.

Smith, who refused to join those who have been attacking Wilkinson's methods, said: "We are a good team when allowed to play, but they did not allow that and they deserve credit. It is all part of the game and I have no complaint at all."

His diplomacy will have been welcomed by Wilkinson, who celebrated his first year in charge at Elland Road earlier in the week by vehemently denying that his side used underhand methods to win matches.

Wilkinson, who knows he does not have to explain his tactics to his employers, said: "I have been in this division three times now and getting out of it is hard. If you had the best players in the country in your team then you would not be in this division."

In the years since their relegation from the first division in 1982, Leeds have attempted to return by playing attractive football. Now, promotion is their only priority.

Smith's assertion that "nobody from either side created anything at all" was a perfect summary of the match. It was indeed surprising that Leeds actually managed to score twice through powerful headers by Davison and Fairclough and thus join Sheffield United as joint leaders of the division.

LEEDS UNITED: M Day; M Sterland, M Whitlow, V Jones, C Fairclough, P Haddock, G Strachan, D Batty, I Baird, B Davison, A Williams.
SUNDERLAND: T Carter; R Agboola, P Hardyman, G Bennett, J MacPhail, G Owers, P Bracewell, G Armstrong, E Gates (sub: T Cullen), M Gabbiadini (sub: R Gabbiadini), C Pascoe.
Referee: R Nixon.

Spots of bother for the Lions

By David Powell

Everton........ 2
Millwall........ 1

Everton supporters do not need long memories to recall what it takes to win the championship. However, any favourable comparison of the team which rose to fourth place on Saturday and the one which won the title three seasons ago would be wishful thinking. The leopard which roared to the championship has been changing its spots and, here, the Lions ruled the jungle until a rash tackle by McLeary altered the flow of the game.

Everton, with Ratcliffe injured and Sharp relegated to substitute, began with only four from the cage of '87: Southall, Snodin, Watson and Sheedy. But Saturday's leopard went hungry for 50 minutes. Millwall, biting hard, were one up and all around the carcass. Carter, Anthrobus and Cascarino each struck the bar: Hurlock, clean through, should have scored but delayed his shot and was forced wide by Keown; Sheringham thumped a drive to which Southall proved equal.

Then, after 51 minutes, when Cottee seemed to be running out of space as he dashed to the byline, McLeary, in his first game back after injury, tackled not merely clumsily but unnecessarily. Sheedy struck the equalizer from the penalty spot and Millwall were never the same again. John Docherty, the Millwall manager, claimed that the "defender just slid the ball out of play" but his complaint does not bear scrutiny against video re-runs.

Everton had not been without their chances in the first half: Cottee, more than twice as expensive as the entire Millwall team but out of favour for most of the season, might have scored twice within 11 minutes of his recall but had two shots blocked by Horne; Newell was also defied by Horne, who acrobatically pushed away his header.

Millwall, though, made good use of Carter and Anthrobus on the flanks and Everton's defence looked like the makeshift one it was. Only Watson of their regular back four remained when Snodin was substituted after 26 minutes after suffering a hamstring injury which is likely to keep him out for a month.

The visitors' goal had come after 19 minutes when Watson's attempt at clearing Stevens's free kick bounced off Thompson into Sheringham's path for a low drive. Everton, having suffered two successive first division defeats since going top, seemed to be on their way to a third.

McLeary's gift subdued Millwall and both Sheedy, whose shot was saved by Horne, and Nevin, who fired over might have given their side the lead before Newell's cross indirectly found Whiteside to strike the winner four minutes from time.

EVERTON: N Southall; I Snodin (sub S Rehn, sub G Sharp), N McDonald, M Keown, D Watson, N Whiteside, P Nevin, J Ebbrell, M Newell, A Cottee, K Sheedy.
MILLWALL: B Horne, K Stevens, I Dawes, T Hurlock, D Thompson, A McLeary, J Carter, L Briley (sub G Waddock), E Sheringham, A Cascarino, S Anthrobus.
Referee: G Tyson.

Celtic stretch lead with away success

By Roddy Forsyth

In the Scottish Premier Division 22 goals were insufficient to shake up the contenders for the championship, in which four points separates the top club, Celtic, and the eighth club, Dundee United.

The defending champions, Rangers, were at home to Dundee United. It was six minutes after half time, with a goal of considerable confusion, before Rangers could break the deadlock.

A header by Walters bounced off Thomson and fell behind the goalkeeper. In a melee of flailing feet, the ball was eventually prodded across the line with Johnston and McCoist claiming credit. Although the Rangers manager, Graeme Souness, declared that Walters and Stevens were also candidates, the consensus was for Johnston.

Celtic moved two points clear at the top of the table when they comfortably beat Dundee at Dens Park with goals from Dziekanowski, Aitken and Coyne against one from Craib. At Easter Road, Motherwell slipped down the table after a 3-2 defeat by Hibernian.

The home supporters booed Aberdeen off the field, despite a late goal by Van der Ark, after their defeat by Heart of Midlothian. At East End Park St Mirren lead through Torfarson, only to be overwhelmed 5-1, with three by Ozma.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

Arsenal	4	Manchester C	0
Charlton	1	Tottenham	3
Coventry	0	Nottingham F	2
Derby	3	Crystal Palace	1
Everton	2	Millwall	1
Luton	0	Aston Villa	1
Manchester Utd	0	Sheffield Wed	0
Norwich	2	Chelsea	0
QPR	1	Southampton	4
Wimbledon	1	Liverpool	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Liverpool	9	2	1	1	8	12	3	2	0	8	2	19
Arsenal	9	4	1	0	12	6	1	1	1	2	5	17
Norwich	9	1	4	0	8	7	3	1	0	8	5	17
Everton	9	4	0	1	11	7	1	1	2	3	5	16
Chelsea	9	2	3	0	8	2	2	0	2	6	8	15
Southampton	9	1	2	1	6	8	3	1	1	11	9	15
Millwall	9	3	1	1	8	4	1	1	2	6	10	14
Coventry	9	3	0	1	5	3	1	1	3	2	7	13
Nottm For	9	2	1	1	6	4	1	2	2	5	5	12
A Villa	9	2	2	1	6	5	1	1	2	3	4	12
Derby	9	2	1	2	8	6	1	1	2	2	2	11
Tottenham	8	2	0	1	6	7	1	2	2	7	8	11
C Palace	9	3	1	1	6	3	0	1	3	2	15	11
Man City	9	3	1	1	11	5	0	0	4	2	10	10
QPR	9	1	1	2	3	5	1	2	2	6	5	9
Luton	9	2	2	1	4	2	0	1	3	2	6	9
Man Utd	9	2	1	1	8	4	0	1	3	4	11	8
Wimbledon	9	1	1	2	4	5	0	4	1	4	6	8
Charlton	9	1	1	2	4	4	0	2	3	3	7	6
Sheff Wed	9	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	4	0	13	5

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Italy 0, Brazil 1 (Bologna).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Southampton 0, Wimbledon 2; Tottenham 6, Reading 0; Watford 2, Ipswich 2.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 3, Barking 2; Dagenham 0, Carshalton 2; Harrow 3, St Albans 2; Hayes 0, Kingstonian 1; Windsor and Eton 4, Redbridge Forest 1. First division: Boreham Wood 1, Lewes 5; Chesham 1, Harlow 0; Kingsbury 2, Leatherhead 0; Metropolitan Police 0, Southwick 4; Tooting and Mitcham 4, Purfleet 0; Worthing 0, Walton and Hersham 2.

Second division north: Aveley 3, Berkhamsted 1; Billericay 2, Saffron Walden 1; Clapton 2, Ware 3; Collier Row 0, Basildon 2; Hemel Hempstead 3, Tilbury 1; Hertford 1, Finchley 1; Hornchurch 2, Barton 4; Royston 0, Stevenage 0; Tring 5, Letchworth GC 0; Vauxhall Motors 0, Witham 0. Second division south: Bracknell 1, Horsham 0; Chertsey 2, Yeading 3; Flackwell Heath 1, Egham and Ewell 1; Harefield 3, Eastbourne United 0; Malden Vale 0, Banstead 2; Molesey 1, Hungerford 1; Newbury 3, Feltham 2; Ruislip Manor 1, Egham 0; Southall 4, Camberley 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 0, Mangotsfield 2; Clevedon 1, Chippenham 1; Dawlish 2, Chard 2; Plymouth Argyle 3, Bristol Manor Farm 1; Saltash 2, Paulton 0; Tiverton 2, Frome 0; Torrington 1, Radstock 0; Welton 1, Bideford 1; Weston-super-Mare 3, Swanage and Herston 2.

Second division

Barnsley	0	Port Vale	3
Bournemouth	2	Oldham	0
Brighton	1	Watford	0
Leeds	2	Sunderland	0
Leicester	0	Oxford	0
Middlesbrough	0	Plymouth	2
Newcastle	1	Bradford	0
Portsmouth	1	Blackburn	1
Sheffield Utd	0	West Ham	2
Stoke	1	Hull	1
Swindon	3	Ipswich	0
West Bromwich	P	Wolverhampton	P

Yesterday

WBA	(1) 1	WOLVES	(1) 2
Talbot		Dennyson, Bull	
		21,316	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Sheff Utd	11	4	1	1	11	7	2	3	0	9	5	22
Leeds Utd	11	4	2	0	12	4	2	2	1	5	9	22
Newcastle	11	5	0	0	11	4	1	2	3	8	9	20
Plymouth	11	4	1	0	9	2	2	0	4	9	10	19
Sunderland	11	3	2	1	12	8	2	2	1	7	8	19
Blackburn	10	2	2	0	11	3	2	4	0	9	6	18
Brighton	11	5	0	0	9	1	1	0	5	9	12	18
West Ham	11	3	1	2	9	7	2	2	1	5	5	18
Bournemouth	11	4	1	1	12	10	1	1	3	7	9	17
Oldham	11	4	2	0	11	8	1	0	4	4	8	17
Swindon	11	3	1	1	9	3	1	3	2	7	12	16
Wolves	11	2	2	2	10	7	2	1	2	10	11	15
WBA	11	1	2	2	7	10	3	1	2	11	8	15
P Vale	11	2	3	0	5	3	1	2	3	6	7	14
Watford	11	4	0	1	6	2	0	2	4	3	10	14
Oxford	11	3	2	1	10	5	0	2	3	5	9	13
Ipswich	11	2	2	1	9	5	1	2	3	7	11	13
Barnsley	11	3	2	1	9	8	0	1	4	2	12	12
Bradford	11	2	3	0	8	4	0	2	4	3	9	11
Middlesbro	10	3	1	1	10	6	0	1	4	4	9	11
Stoke	11	0	5	1	6	7	1	1	3	4	8	9
Portsmouth	11	1	2	2	6	8	0	1	4	2	10	7
Hull	11	0	2	3	5	9	0	4	2	8	10	6
Leicester	11	1	2	3	8	9	0	1	4	3	9	6

FA CUP: Third round qualifying: Barrow 2, Whitley Bay 2; Gateshead 0, Billingham Synthonia 2; Bishop Auckland 1, South Bank 1; Bridlington Town 0, Tow Law 0; Blyth Spartans 0, North Shields 3; Curzon Ashton 1, Mossley 1; Hyde 0, Marine 1; Rhyl 0, Southport 3; Witton Albion 1, Burton 1; Goole 2, Grantham 1; Matlock 1, Boston United 1; Sutton Coldfield 1, Bedworth 2; Lye 1, Stafford Rangers 2; Bromsgrove 2, Tamworth 0; Hitchin 0, Redditch 2; Cambridge City 3, Barnet 4; Sudbury 1, Hendon 2; Heybridge 0, Dartford 1; Leyton-Wingate 0, Wivenhoe 0; Wycombe Wanderers 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Slough 0, Uxbridge 0; Burnham 0, Staines 1; Hampton 0, Bromley 1; Dulwich Hamlet 1, Hailsham 1; Erith and Belvedere 1, Woking 1; Dover 0, Folkestone 1; Hythe 2, Whitstable 0; Wokingham 1, Whyteleafe 1; Newport IOW 0, Marlow 1; Witney 0, Basingstoke 2; Poole 1, Gosport 0; Abingdon 3, Maidenhead United 1; Dorchester 2, Cheltenham 1; Gloucester 4, Worcester 2; Exmouth 2, Weymouth 0.

ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Cardiff 2, Briton Ferry 4; Aberystwyth 1, Haverfordwest 0; Ammanford 0, Cwmbran 1; Brecon 3, Ebbw Vale 0; Maesteg 2, Llanelli 3; Pembroke 2, Bridgend 0; Port Talbot 3, Abergavenny 1.

Third division

Birmingham	4	Northampton	0
Bristol C	1	Swansea	3
Bury	0	Bristol R	0
Crewe	2	Bolton	2
Fulham	1	Rotherham	1
Leyton Orient	2	Blackpool	0
Mansfield	0	Walsall	2
Notts Co	1	Tranmere	0
Preston	4	Brentford	2
Reading	0	Huddersfield	0
Wigan	0	Shrewsbury	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Tranmere	10	5	0	0	18	1	2	0	3	8	8	21
Bristol R	10	4	1	0	9	2	2	2	1	2	1	21
Bury	10	1	4	0	7	4	4	0	1	10	6	19
Rotherham	10	4	1	0	15	4	1	2	2	8	8	18
Birmingham	10	5	0	0	13	1	1	0	4	4	11	18
Bristol C	10	3	1	1	6	4	2	1	2	6	9	17
Bolton	10	3	2	0	7	4	1	2	2	8	6	16
Notts Co	10	3	1	1	8	2	1	3	1	8	8	16
Fulham	10	2	2	1	5	3	2	2	1	6	4	16
Huddersfld	10	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	1	8	9	16
Shrewsbury	10	3	1	1	8	4	1	2	2	6	7	15
Walsall	10	2	2	2	7	8	2	1	1	6	4	15
Reading	10	1	3	1	6	5	1	4	0	7	2	13
Preston	10	3	1	1	15	9	1	0	4	4	11	13
Leyton O	10	3	0	2	6	3	1	0	4	6	12	12
Blackpool	10	1	2	2	4	6	2	0	3	5	9	11
Northamptn	10	2	0	2	5	4	1	2	3	5	10	11
Swansea	9	2	2	1	7	10	1	0	3	3	8	11
Mansfield	9	1	0	3	1	6	2	1	2	4	5	10
Crewe	10	1	2	2	6	10	1	1	3	6	9	9
Brentford	10	1	1	3	4	6	1	1	3	7	10	8
Chester	10	1	1	3	6	12	0	3	2	4	10	7
Cardiff	10	0	2	3	5	11	1	1	3	4	11	6
Wigan	10	0	3	2	2	7	0	2	3	5	9	5

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor 0, Fleetwood 0; Gainsborough 4, Caernarfon 1; Morecambe 1, Frickley 0; Shepshed 1, South Liverpool 2; Stalybridge 2, Colne Dynamoes 3. First division: Alfreton 2, Lancaster 0; Droylsden 1, Eastwood Town 0; Eastwood Hanley 2, Accrington Stanley 1; Harrogate 2, Workington 1; Newtown 0, Netherfield 0; Penrith 2, Farsley 1; Radcliffe 4, Winsford 2; Leek 1, Rossendale 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 0, Waterlooville 0; Bath 5, Chelmsford 1; Crawley 0, Ashford 2; VS Rugby 1, Atherstone 1; Wealdstone 2, Corby 1. Midland division: Bilston 0, Halesowen 4; Bridgnorth 2, Willenhall 2; Dudley 2, Racing Club Warwick 0; King's Lynn 1, Banbury 0; Rushden 3, Stroud 2; Sandwell 1, Spalding 3. Southern division: Andover 2, Fareham 1; Bury 2, Hastings 1; Canterbury 1, Buckingham 0; Corinthian 3, Dunstable 3; Hounslow 1, Margate 1; Trowbridge 1, Baldock 0; Yate 2, Sheppey 1.

Fourth division

Burnley	0	Hartlepool	0
Doncaster	1	Carlisle	1
Exeter	2	Chesterfield	1
Gillingham	0	Stockport	3
Hereford	0	Southend	3
Lincoln	2	Halifax	1
Rochdale	1	Peterborough	2
Scarborough	3	Grimsby	1
Scunthorpe	1	Maidstone	0
Wrexham	2	Aldershot	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Southend	10	6	0	0	9	0	2	1	1	12	6	25
Lincoln	10	4	1	0	8	2	3	1	1	8	2	23
Stockport	10	3	2	0	14	6	3	1	1	8	2	21
Carlisle	10	4	1	0	10	4	1	4	0	8	8	20
Exeter	10	4	1	0	8	4	2	0	3	12	11	19
Burnley	10	2	3	0	5	2	3	1	1	6	3	19
York	10	4	0	1	7	3	1	3	1	5	5	18
Peterboro	10	2	3	0	8	6	2	1	2	7	6	16
Hereford	10	2	2	1	6	7	2	1	2	6	6	15
Aldershot	10	3	0	2	10	9	1	3	1	4	5	15
Chesterfld	10	2	2	1	5	3	2	0	3	6	9	14
Scunthorpe	10	3	0	2	8	8	1	1	3	8	9	13
Gillingham	10	1	2	2	5	6	2	2	1	4	6	13
Halifax	10	2	1	2	9	6	1	1	3	7	9	11
Grimsby	10	1	2	2	7	8	2	1	2	7	8	11
Scarboro	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	1	3	4	8	11
Rochdale	10	1	2	2	5	8	2	0	3	4	5	11
Cambridge	10	2	0	3	7	8	0	3	2	7	10	9
Wrexham	10	1	2	2	7	9	1	1	3	4	4	9
Doncaster	10	0	2	3	1	8	2	0	3	9	8	8
Colchester	10	1	3	1	7	8	0	2	3	4	12	8
Maidstone	10	1	1	3	7	7	1	0	4	4	11	7
Torquay	10	2	0	3	3	7	0	1	4	4	12	7
Hartlepool	10	1	1	3	5	15	0	2	3	8	13	6

FA VASE: Preliminary round replays: Evenwood 2, Norton and Stockton Ancients 1; Boldmere St Michaels 3, Walsall Wood 1; Boston 3, Westfields 0; Wallingford 1, Abingdon United 3; Vale Recreation 6, Totton 2; Downham 0, Tiptree 4; Elliott Star 3, Rainham 2 (aet); Melton 0, Wolverhampton Casuals 2.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Town 1, Guisborough 2; Brandon 2, Ferryhill 1; Consett 1, Alnwick 2; Easington 1, Newcastle Blue Star 5; Gretna 5, Seaham Red Star 1; Spennymoor 4, Shildon 1; Whickham 0, Stockton 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 3, Chadderton 0; Bootle 4, Salford 2; Clitheroe 0, St Helens 4; Flixton 2, Vauxhall GM 3; Nantwich 0, Burscough 0; Prescot Cables 4, Leyland Motors 0; Skelmersdale 2, Knowsley 2; Warrington 3, Darwen 1.

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen	1	Hearts	3
Dundee	1	Celtic	3
Dunfermline	5	St Mirren	1
Hibernian	3	Motherwell	2
Rangers	2	Dundee Utd	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Celtic	9	2	2	0	6	3	2	2	1	8	8	12
Hibernian	9	4	1	0	12	5	0	1	3	1	8	10
Motherwell	9	3	1	1	6	4	0	3	1	5	6	10
Hearts	9	1	1	2	4	6	3	1	1	10	6	10
Aberdeen	9	3	1	1	6	5	1	1	2	2	3	10
Dunfermline	9	2	2	0	9	4	1	1	3	6	8	9
Rangers	9	3	1	1	8	4	0	2	2	2	5	9
Dundee Utd	9	2	3	0	7	4	0	1	3	5	9	8
St Mirren	9	2	0	2	5	6	1	1	3	4	11	7
Dundee	9	1	2	1	7	8	0	1	4	5	11	5

First division

Airdrie	3	Meadowbank	1
Clyde	0	St Johnstone	2
Falkirk	2	Clydebank	1
Forfar	3	Alloa	3
Hamilton	0	Albion	0
Morton	2	Partick	2
Raith	2	Ayr	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
St Johnstone	11	5	1	0	13	4	4	1	0	10	3	20
Partick	11	4	1	0	12	4	3	3	0	12	5	18
Airdrie	11	4	2	0	10	5	3	0	2	5	4	16
Raith R	11	4	0	2	7	7	2	1	2	7	8	13
Alloa	11	2	2	1	8	4	2	1	3	13	17	11
Hamilton	11	2	2	1	8	8	1	3	2	7	10	11
Falkirk	11	2	2	2	12	6	1	2	2	4	8	10
Clydebank	11	2	2	1	9	7	1	1	4	10	13	9
Morton	11	1	3	2	6	7	1	2	2	7	10	9
Forfar	11	0	3	2	8	12	1	3	2	6	8	8
Ayr Utd	11	1	2	3	7	10	1	2	2	6	8	8
Meadowbank	11	2	1	3	9	11	0	3	2	3	7	8
Clyde	11	1	3	2	6	9	1	1	3	5	6	8
Albion	11	2	0	2	8	7	0	1	6	2	19	5

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0, Belper 0; Denaby 1, Brigg 2; Hallam 1, Ossett Albion 0; Harrogate Railway 0, Sheffield 0; Hatfield Main 0, Bridlington Trinity 4; Pontefract Collieries 2, Guiseley 2; Sutton Town 3, Grimethorpe MW 2; Thackley 3, North Ferriby 1.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 0, St Patrick's Athletic 3; Derry City 2, University College, Dublin 0; Dundalk 4, Limerick City 0; Galway United 2, Drogheda United 0; Shamrock Rovers 3, Bohemians 1; Shelbourne 1, Athlone Town 1. Leading positions (after seven matches): 1, Derry, 13pts; 2, Bohemians, 11; 3, St Patrick's, 10.

Second division

Berwick	0	Stenhousemuir	2
Brechin	2	E Stirling	1
Dumbarton	2	Queen's Park	1
Kilmarnock	1	East Fife	0
Queen of South	2	Cowdenbeath	4
Stirling	2	Montrose	0
Stranraer	2	Arbroath	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Kilmarnock	10	3	1	1	5	2	3	1	1	6	2	14
Brechin	10	3	1	1	12	6	2	1	2	5	6	12
Arbroath	10	2	2	0	9	7	1	3	1	9	9	12
Stranraer	10	2	2	1	7	5	2	2	1	10	9	12
Dumbarton	10	3	1	1	12	11	2	1	2	10	16	12
Stenhsmuir	10	2	0	3	4	9	4	0	1	11	6	12
East Fife	10	1	3	1	10	9	2	2	1	5	3	11
Queen's Pk	10	3	1	1	7	5	1	2	2	8	10	11
Stirling	10	3	0	2	11	4	1	2	2	8	9	10
Berwick	10	2	2	1	8	4	1	0	4	7	12	8
Montrose	10	1	2	2	5	5	1	1	3	3	7	7
Cowdenbth	10	1	1	3	8	8	1	2	2	5	7	7
Queen of S	10	1	3	1	12	12	0	2	3	4	12	7
E Stirling	10	1	1	3	5	9	1	2	2	6	10	5

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton 1, Norwich 0; Gillingham 2, Arsenal 7; Ipswich 2, Chelsea 1; Leyton Orient 4, Fulham 0; Millwall 1, Cambridge 4; Portsmouth 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0; Tottenham 4, Watford 1; West Ham 4, Southend 1. Second division: Brighton 4, Brentford 3; Bristol City 1, Wimbledon 1; Bristol Rovers 2, Luton 2; Colchester 2, Swindon 0; Crystal Palace 2, Bournemouth 0; Northampton 2, Reading 1; Oxford 8, Aldershot 0; Southampton 5, Tottenham 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods 3, Old Etonians 1; Old Foresters 3, Old Brentwoods 2. First division: Old Harrovians 2, Old Westminsters 1; Lancing Old Boys 2, Old Aldenhamians 2; Old Wellingburians 3, Old Bradfieldians 2; Old Wykehamists 4, Old Ardinians 1.

SCHOOLS: ESFA Trophy: Dover 1, South East Sussex 2; Hackney 0, Brent 1; Harlow 1, Ipswich 2; Long Eaton 1, Derby 6; Merton 3, West Sussex 0. Inter-County under-19: Cumbria 1, Lancashire 5. Under-19: Cumbria 2, Lancashire 1.

Sportsfeet Northern Merit: Thameside 0, Leeds 3. London Corinthian Shield: Blackheath 2, Redbridge 2. Other matches: Barnsley 5, Nottingham 1; Chester 4, Macclesfield 0; Chesterfield 3, Soar Valley 3; South Notts 1, Doncaster 4. Welsh Schools Shield: Cardiff 2, Newport 0. Inter-school: Brentwood 1, Shrewsbury 4; Charterhouse 0, Eton 2; Forest 3, Highgate 1.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Chorley	2	Enfield	2
Merthyr	1	Darlington	1
Runcorn	2	Kidderminster	1
Sutton Utd	2	Fisher	1
Telford	1	Altrincham	3
Welling	2	Northwich	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Darlington	12	4	2	0	13	4	5	1	0	13	2	30
Kidderminstr	12	4	1	1	14	5	4	1	1	13	14	26
Barnet	12	3	2	1	15	8	4	0	2	10	7	23
Macclesfld	12	4	2	1	15	8	2	2	1	9	6	22
Kettering	12	3	2	1	5	3	2	1	3	11	11	18
Runcorn	13	4	1	1	10	6	0	5	2	9	15	18
Telford	12	3	2	2	12	11	2	1	2	8	8	18
Merthyr	11	3	2	1	11	9	1	3	1	4	4	17
Yeovil	12	2	1	3	7	10	3	1	2	9	8	17
Welling	12	3	2	0	9	1	1	2	4	11	15	16
Chorley	12	4	1	2	18	12	1	0	5	7	14	16
Altrincham	13	2	2	2	16	9	1	4	2	8	8	15
Farnboro	13	1	1	4	8	12	3	2	2	14	14	15
Barrow	11	3	3	0	10	6	0	2	3	2	7	14
Cheltenham	9	3	1	0	8	3	1	1	3	4	14	14
Fisher	12	4	0	2	12	8	0	1	5	4	18	13
Northwich	13	3	1	2	8	6	1	0	6	6	18	13
Wycombe	10	2	2	1	16	8	1	1	3	5	8	12
Sutton U	12	2	1	3	8	11	1	2	3	7	9	12
Stafford	10	2	3	1	5	4	0	2	2	4	8	11
Enfield	12	2	0	4	10	15	1	1	5	7	17	10
Boston	10	1	1	4	7	11	1	0	3	3	5	7

IRISH LEAGUE: Roadferry Cup: Ards 12, UU Jordanstown 0; Bangor 5, RUC 1; Brantwood 2, Ballymena 1 (aet); Carrick 4, Dundela 2 (aet); Chimney Corner 0, Glentoran 8; Cliftonville 0, H and W Welders 2; Coleraine 2, Queen's University 1; Crusaders 2, Banbridge 1 (aet); Distillery 2, Limavady 2 (aet; Limavady won 7-6 on penalties); Glenavon 6, Tobermore 1; Linfield 3, Dungannon Swifts 1; Newry 4, Ballymoney 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseille 1, Cannes 1; Nantes 1, Brest 0; Auxerre 1, Bordeaux 1; Toulouse 2, Caen 1; Mulhouse 1, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Nice 1, St Etienne 3; Metz 2, Sochaux 0; Montpellier 3, Toulon 0; Racing Paris 2, Lille 0; Lyon 0, Monaco 2. Leading positions: 1, Bordeaux, played 14, 21pts; 2, Marseille, 13, 19; 3, Toulouse, 14, 18.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sevilla 1, Cádiz 1; Athletic Bilbao 1, Valencia 1; Real Zaragoza 2, Sporting Gijon 1; Real Madrid 4, Malaga 0; Barcelona 7, Rayo Vallecano 1.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: (Friday) Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Hamburg 3; Borussia Dortmund 0, Bochum 1; Werder Bremen 6, VfB Stuttgart 1; (Saturday) Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Bayern Munich 2; Homburg 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; St Pauli 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Kaiserslautern 1; Karlsruhe 0, FC Cologne 0; Nuremberg 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1. Leading positions (after 13 matches) 1, Bayern Munich, 19pts; 2, FC Cologne, 19; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 18.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Barclays League: Third division: Cardiff 1, Chester 1. Fourth division: Cambridge United 5, Torquay 2; Colchester 0, York 2.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	1½	1½	1	1	1½	2	1	1½	1½	1½	1	1	1	2	1½	1	3●	1½	3●	1	1½	1	1½	2	1½	3●	3●	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1	1	2	2	2	3●	1	1½	1½	1	1½	1	1	3●	3●	1	1½	1	1½	1½	1	1	1	1	1½	1	3●	2

FOOTBALL

Free kick has the beating of Italy

Italy 0
Brazil 1

Bologna (Reuter) – A curling free kick by Cruz 12 minutes from time gave the three times World Cup winners, Brazil, victory over next year's World Cup hosts, Italy here on Saturday.

It was the first meeting of the countries since the Italians beat Brazil 3-2 in a second round match in Spain in the 1982 World Cup finals when they went on the win the trophy.

Saturday's defeat was the first for their manager, Azeglio Vicini's young side in a series of World Cup warm-ups since it went down 1-0 in Romania last March.

Italy could count themselves unlucky not to have held the new-look, more cautious Brazilian side to a draw after having the better of the first half.

The Brazilians were always extremely fast on the break and both Silas and Alemao brought good saves out of Zenga in the first half but the goalkeeper was rooted to his goalline when Cruz produced a characteristic Brazilian free-kick in the 78th minute shortly after coming on in place of the defender, Aldair. He curled the ball around a four-man wall and into the corner of the net.

ITALY: W Zenga; G Bergomi, L De Agostini, F Baresi, R Ferri (sub: C Ferrara), N Berti, R Baggio, F De Napoli, G Vialli, G Giannini (sub: L Pusi), A Carnevale.
BRAZIL: Taffarel; Jorginho, Aldair (sub: B Cruz), M Galvao, Mazinho, R Rocha, Muller, Dunga, Careca, Silas (sub: Tita), Alemao (sub: Geovani).

Dilemmas for the top Rovers

By Louise Taylor

Tranmere Rovers and Bristol Rovers may head the third division for the moment yet one suspects that they could finish the season with healthy bank balances but without second division status.

Both find themselves in the classic *Catch 22* situation of coming under intense pressure to part with the players who have elevated them to the top. Quality replacements are rarely available; Terry Venables may have £4.5 million to play around with but Tottenham Hotspur are still missing Chris Waddle.

In Muir and Malkin, Tranmere, who lost 1-0 at Notts County on Saturday, possess two forwards who could prompt first division managers into persuading their chairmen to sign cheques in excess of £500,000. That is a lot to a club who only two years ago were the same sort of sum in debt. As John King, the Tranmere manager said with an air of resignation: "We are well aware that there has been plenty of interest in Malkin and Muir, and that they are being regularly watched by scouts."

County claimed the three points despite the dismissal of Yates, a central defender who was the subject of a £750,000 close season offer from Aston Villa.

Bristol Rovers, who drew 0-0 at Bury, themselves third, have already accepted a £500,000 plus offer for Penrice, only for the attacker, advised by his agent, to reject the personal terms offered by Wimbledon in August. Now Gerry Francis, the Rovers manager has upped the asking fee to £1 million. However, so long as the goals continue to flow and the scouts keep sniffing, the odds are that someone, and it could be Liverpool, will eventually bite.

If Penrice is worth seven figures, what price Martyn? Rovers' England under-21 interantional goalkeeper was largely responsible for the point at Gigg Lane. With no goals, the drama was supplied on the touchline from whence Sam Ellis, the Bury manager, was ordered away after entering into an animated discussion with a linesman.

It is surely no coincidence that Southend occupy pole position in the fourth divison and Crown, their principal attacker, heads the divisional scoring charts, boosting his seasonal tally to 11 with two in the 3-0 success at Hereford. But how will Southend fare should Tottenham decide Lineker requires a new sidekick?

Caesar given suspension for dismissal

Gus Caesar, the Arsenal central defender, who was sent off in Miami in August playing against Independiente, of Argentina, is to face a three-match suspension with effect from October 24 (Dennis Signy writes).

When the referee's report was not received at Lancaster Gate, the Football Association (FA) wrote to the United States asking for a copy.

Peter Reid, the Queen's Park Rangers and England midfield player, who signed for Rangers from Everton on a free transfer in February, is expected to face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute after being reported by George Tyson, the referee, following his side's match against Manchester City at Maine Road on September 9.

Tyson called Reid and Trevor Francis, the QPR player-manager, into his room after remarks alleged to have been made in the players' tunnel.

Bobby Gould, the Wimbledon manager, and the Southampton full back, Ray Wallace, will both appear before the FA next Thursday to answer charges of bringing the game into disrepute.

Gould's case, which results from an incident after Wimbledon's match against Millwall on August 30, has already been put back once because neither Gould nor the match referee, John Martin, were able to make the original date.

England batsman with a thirst for runs

GRAHAM MORRIS



Working like an ox: Smith strikes out for 81 runs and the man of the match award as England beat Sri Lanka in a one-day game in Delhi. Report, page 48

GOLF: A FINAL ROUND OF 68 SECURES VICTORY

Open champion Davies ends wait for tour title

Laura Davies was all smiles at Stoke Poges yesterday. The former British and United States Open golf champion had at last broken her duck on this year's European tour with a convincing win by three strokes over the four players in second place in the Laing Charity Classic. Davies had a final round of 68, five under par, for a total of 276, 16 under par.

Those on 279 were Susan Moon, of the United States (70 yesterday), Corinne Dibnah, of Australia (67) and two wee Scots, Jane Connachan and Dale Reid, both with 68 yesterday.

This was a fine, controlled round of golf by Davies, who rarely missed a fairway, either with "Pinkie," her colourful driver, or, when protecting her lead, a long-iron. There was a welcome tactical maturity which had sometimes been lacking in the past.

There was only one shot between Davies and Moon when the day began, a lead that was doubled at the 1st (430 yards), in spite of a birdie four by the elegant American. Davies hit the green with a seven-iron after a booming tee-shot and holed from 35 feet for an eagle three.

Try as she doggedly did, Moon never got on terms. She matched Davies's birdies on the two remaining long holes going out, but a tee-shot into a bunker at the 8th put her three shots behind and so it stayed. Davies took three putts on the long 17th for a half in five, so to speak, but it no longer mattered.

Having already won in the United States, Davies soon embarks for Japan in an attempt to emulate her stunning achievement last year of winning in three different continents. Her prize yesterday was £9,000.

LEADING SCORES (British unless stated): 276: L Davies, 72, 64, 72, 68. 279: F Moon (US), 67, 70, 72, 70; J Connachan, 73, 68, 70, 68; C Dibnah (Aus), 71, 68, 73, 67; D Reid, 69, 70, 72, 68. 280: P Conley (US), 70, 72, 72, 66. 281: C Schofield (US), 70, 70, 70, 71. 282: F Dassu (It), 73, 70, 70, 69. 284: K Lunn (Aus), 74, 70, 70, 70; X Wonsch (Sp), 68, 70, 72, 74. 285: D Barnard, 72, 72, 74, 67; L Maritz (SA), 75, 69, 73, 68; S Shapcott, 72, 71, 71, 71. 286: K Espinasse (Fr), 71, 74, 72, 69. 287: T Johnson, 72, 70, 75, 70; K Douglas, 71, 72, 72, 72; A Jones (Aus), 72, 73, 73, 69; P Smillie, 72, 70, 69, 76.

The fiend that holds no fears

From a Special Correspondent, Porto Cervo, Sardinia

The European Tour professionals no longer come to Pevero on the north-east tip of Sardinia: perhaps because it is too remote for mass spectators and television; perhaps because the Aga Khan and his associates prefer to keep their Costa Smeralda in seclusion; perhaps because the Robert Trent Jones-designed course can be too fiendish (only four players bettered 300, admittedly in poor weather, when the Italian Open was held here in 1978).

However, 16 club professionals are undaunted – or, at least, pretending they are – as they and their amateur partners practise for the first round today of the Hennessy Cognac Clubs Championship. Certainly, they have done enough to earn the trip here, for they are the finalists from 1,009 pairs who entered the regional qualifying competitions throughout the British Isles.

The nature of the course – created by Trent Jones for, it would seem, the benefit of Messrs Dunlop, Wilson and other makers of golf balls – suggests that the professional who collects the £3,500 first prize on Wednesday will have had an experienced, straight-down-the-middle amateur as a partner.

That line of thinking leads to Jim Hardie, the amateur in the team from Ballater in Aberdeenshire. Hardie, at the age of 47, is still improving, having reduced his handicap from three to one this year and in the process winning five open amateur tournaments in Scotland. His professional is Fraser Mann, aged 29, who spent 1982 and 1983 on the European Tour and has been the Scottish under-25 and assistants' champion.

"We've been partners five or six times this year," Mann said, "and we've got on very well together. That is very important in better-ball golf."

The more experienced professionals also come into the reckoning. Brian Waites, a Ryder Cup player six years ago, is going for his fourth win in four appearances in the finals of the various predecessors of this championship. His colleague from the Notts club is Stephen Soar, playing off eight. Then there is Norman Drew, at the age of 57 a veteran of the Ryder, Canada and Walker Cups, and now representing Bangor, County Down, with John McCahon (11).

HOCKEY

Hounslow hang on to secure place in Europe

By Sydney Friskin

Hounslow 2
Southgate 1

Hounslow are looking for fresh fields to conquer after carrying off the Heineken Trophy at Reading on Saturday. Southgate's attempt to equalize almost materialized in the dying minutes of a match which can best be described as good in parts.

A meeting of the European Hockey Federation is to be held in Paris on October 28 to arrange details of the first European Cup Winners' Cup competition for which Hounslow have qualified by virtue of being England's National Cup winners.

The expectations are that Hounslow will have to play in a qualifying round during the Easter weekend to make sure of a place in the final stages of the tournament, which will take place in June about the same time as the European Cup for which Southgate have qualified as National League champions.

David Hacker, whose subtle refinements belie his name, received the prize for the player of the match, having set Hounslow off on the right peak with his early involvement in front of a crowd of 1,285. He generally dictated the course of play. Quicker on the ball at the start, Hounslow created wide gaps in the Southgate defence and their thrusts were rewarded when Robert Thompson converted a short corner in the seventh minute to establish a lead which Jon Rees increased 13 minutes later, steering the ball past Simon Rees on the follow-up from a short corner.

Southgate were back in the match four minutes before the interval when Duthie scored directly from their first short corner. The threat of more goals in the second half came mainly from short corners. Each side forced two but there was one open chance for Hounslow when Thompson was put through a gap by Hacker only for Rees to save at gunpoint.

With barely two minutes to go, Batchelor, at last, found his rhythm and set up a chance for Castenskiold, a substitute Southgate forward, whose shot just missed the far post.

HOUNSLOW: V Pappin; M Williamson, J Power (capt), P Bickford, S Hacker, M Catterby, D Hacker, A Ferris, N Gordon (sub: P Boon), R Thompson, J Rees.
SOUTHGATE: S Rees; M Spicer, J Duthie, P Moulton, A Wessem, N Clark, S Batchelor, N D'Cruz (sub: E Castenskiold), S Kerly (capt), Sorna Singh, F Hudson (sub: G Gisborne).
Umpires: S Woodward (Southern Counties), K Merrin (Southern Counties).

Slough chase leaders

Slough had a convincing win 3-0 over Highgate in the women's Typhoo National League on Saturday to challenge Ealing, who head the table with two wins and a draw (Joyce Whitehead writes). Slough have collected two wins and have their match with Clifton still to play, on October 24.

Slough's defence was well organized, with Jo Thompson in goal and Melanie Hosking as sweeper. Lesley Hobby filled her "floating" role with great purpose, scoring the first two goals. Sue Frost scored from a penalty stroke late in the match.

Clifton and Exmouth scored their first points with a goalless draw. Leicester held Ealing to a goalless draw after missing two penalty strokes.

Sutton Coldfield's Barbara Hambly missed a late penalty stroke, which would have brought victory against Great Harwood, the ball hitting the post. The game ended 0-0. Chelmsford were a bit disorganized against Orpington, whose Sarah Bamfield gave them a first-half lead. Lyn Bollington equalized in the 43rd minute from a penalty stroke and Chris Thomas, a substitute, scored the winning goal.

Loughtonians are denied by disputed goal

By Sydney Friskin

Old Loughtonians came to life in the last quarter of an hour at home yesterday to force an exciting 1-1 draw with Havant, the result pushing them down to third place in the first division.

Havant took the lead in the first minute of the second half, the umpire having first awarded Havant a short corner and then consulting his partner who was some 60 yards away before altering his decision and awarding a goal. Some of the Old Loughtonians defenders complained that the ball had touched a foot of Coleman the scorer before he had pushed the ball into goal.

In the 60th minute, however, Jennings levelled the score from a penalty stroke. Havant were denied two goals, Ashton saving on the line from Nail and Seaton deflecting a shot by Williams.

Southgate's 3-1 win over Reading enabled them to take the lead over Hounslow on goal difference. Southgate led 3-0 through goals by Western, Duthie and Kerly, who was sent off with a yellow temporary suspension card for dissent, before Osborn scored in the 29th minute for Reading.

Hounslow visited East Grinstead to win 3-0, with goals by Rees, Thompson and Hacker, having led 1-0 at half time. Indian Gymkhana maintained their challenge with a 3-1 win over Bromley, Daved from a penalty stroke, Kulbir Bhura and Bain scoring for Gymkhana in reply to Barnett's goal for Bromley in the 26th minute. Slough also remained in contention after a goalless draw with Walton.

Teddington, who had lost their first two matches, defeated Harborne 7-0, with Billson scoring three goals.

Neston, joint leaders of the second division were held to a 3-3 draw by Broxbourne and surrendered the leadership to St Albans, who defeated Warrington 2-0.

GYMNASTICS

Little challenge to Soviet strength

From Peter Aykroyd, Stuttgart

The men's compulsory exercises in the world championships here ended yesterday with the Soviet Union securely in front, some five marks ahead of East Germany and China.

The Soviet men, as expected, were in command from the start. On Saturday, the veteran Valentin Mogilny led the field by performing his routines with seemingly effortless ease, handing the lead over yesterday to Vladimir Artemov, the explosive Olympic champion.

Only Sven Tippelt, of East Germany, in fourth place, could match the relentless dynamism which put five of the Soviet competitors in the first six places. This dominance can only continue in today's voluntary exercises

The women's compulsory exercises are also controlled by the Soviet Union, through the efforts of Yelena Sazonenkova and Svetlana Baitova, placed first and second, with Chen Cuiting of China, third. Romania sustained a serious blow when Aurelia Dobre, their defending world champion, stepped from the asymmetric bars and so lost her crown.

The compulsory exercises for both men and women have a different complexion in this event. First, a new four-year cycle of exercises has just started, putting the 460 gymnasts involved under additional pressure to get these unfamiliar routines exactly correct. Second, in what is essentially a team competition, gymnasts work separately in groups, away from the sustaining morale of performing with a national squad.

Adriana Duffy, the Puerto Rican who broke a vertebra in a fall in practice, may be permanently paralyzed.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Irwin's late try is enough to give Castleford victory

By Keith Macklin

The surprise team of the first division, Sheffield Eagles, were denied another impressive win when a spectacular late try by Irwin gave Castleford victory by 24-22.

Wigan went to the top of division one by trouncing Barrow 62-6, with Preston scoring five tries and Edwards four. Widnes recovered from recent setbacks by beating Wakefield Trinity 30-12, with Offiah running in three tries to take his season's total to 17. St Helens hit Featherstone Rovers with four tries in 19 minutes and won 50-11.

In the replayed semi-final of the Yorkshire Cup, Bradford Northern made light of the Halifax challenge, winning 26-4 with tries by Cordle, Fairbank, Medley and Pendlebury; Hobbs landed five goals.

In the Lancashire Cup final, at St Helens, Warrington had the Australian forward Jackson to thank for their 24-16 win over Oldham, of the second division. He scored two tries, the second clinching victory near the end.

Eric Fitzsimons, the former Rochdale Hornets and Oldham coach, has been appointed manager of Whitehaven. He replaces Barry Smith.

Ivor Edwards, the former Salford scrum half, has died aged 69. Edwards was on the coaching staff at Salford and Swinton in recent years.

BRITISH COAL TOUR MATCH: Leeds 4, New Zealand 34.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 24, Sheffield 22; Hull 44, Salford 8; St Helens 50, Featherstone 11; Widnes 30, Wakefield 12; Wigan 62, Barrow 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	6	5	0	1	222	53	10
Warrington	5	4	1	0	105	55	9
Widnes	5	4	0	1	167	80	8
Bradford N	5	4	0	1	147	84	8
Sheffield	6	4	0	2	180	104	8
St Helens	5	3	0	2	152	106	6
Leeds	5	3	0	2	109	88	6
Castleford	5	3	0	2	98	110	6
Hull	6	2	1	3	97	101	5
Wakefield	6	2	0	4	113	134	4
Leigh	6	2	0	4	95	152	4
Salford	6	1	0	5	97	222	2
Featherstone	6	1	0	5	89	218	2
Barrow	6	0	0	6	66	260	0

SECOND DIVISION: Chorley 18, Hunslet 8; Dewsbury 34, Runcorn 10; Doncaster 12, Ryedale York 12; Fulham 4, Rochdale 18; Huddersfield 31, Whitehaven 12; Nottingham City 10, Batley 29; Trafford Borough 25, Keighley 19; Swinton 28, Carlisle 14; Workington 12, Bramley 20.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ryedale York	7	5	1	1	150	62	11
Swinton	7	5	0	2	172	91	10
Huddersfield	7	5	0	2	165	91	10
Rochdale	8	5	0	1	184	115	10
Batley	7	5	0	2	119	81	10
Halifax	4	4	0	0	150	56	8
Fulham	6	4	0	2	106	62	8
Dewsbury	6	4	0	2	140	106	8
Doncaster	6	3	1	2	122	70	7
Hull KR	4	3	0	1	156	40	6
Oldham	4	3	0	1	98	40	6
Keighley	7	3	0	4	154	172	6
Workington	6	3	0	3	87	152	6
Trafford	5	2	0	3	115	132	4
Bramley	6	2	0	4	111	132	4
Hornet	8	2	0	6	121	181	4
Whitehaven	8	2	0	6	129	200	4
Chorley	6	2	0	4	83	156	4
Carlisle	5	1	0	4	108	134	2
Nottingham	6	0	0	6	73	249	0
Runcorn	7	0	0	7	48	265	0

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final replay: Bradford Northern 26, Halifax 4.
Saturday
GRUNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: Final: Warrington 24, Oldham 16 (St Helens).

Kiwis reach their peak at right time

By Keith Macklin

Leeds 4
New Zealand 34

It looks as if the New Zealanders are peaking at just the right time. With the first international at Old Trafford next Saturday, they thoroughly outclassed Leeds with a performance that brought a smile to the face of Tony Gordon, their coach.

He said: "It has taken us some time to attune to British conditions and to reach top fitness, but I think we are nearly there."

Leeds were disappointing, but nothing should be taken away from a thoroughly convincing display by the tourists. Their tackling was hard, their passing brisk and their backing up exemplary. They ran in six excellent tries, three from Gary Freeman, the scrum half.

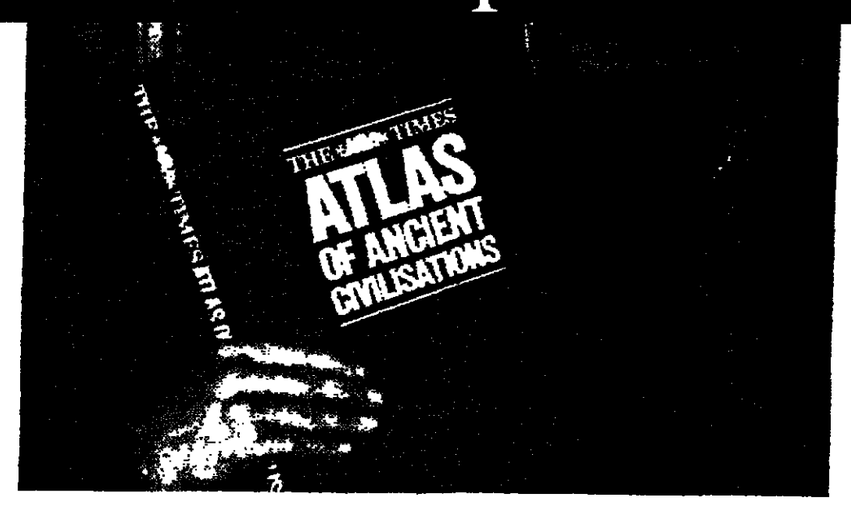
After Maskill and Shelford had each kicked a penalty, New Zealand went into the lead as Williams sent over Elia. The tries came at regular intervals from that moment on.

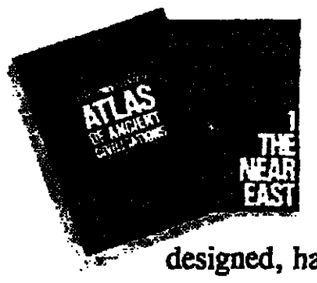
McGahan, the captain, went under the posts and Freeman got the first of his three tries.

Leeds deteriorated so much in the second half they became almost a shambles. Even when the tourists were reduced briefly to 11 men, with Mann and Williams in the sin-bin, they were unable to manufacture a try. On one occasion, with a five to one overlap, the final pass went to the only Kiwi defender. Freeman scored his second and third tries, Williams added another and Sherlock kicked four goals.

LEEDS: G Spencer; V Fawcett, G Lord, C Gibson, N Francis; P Delaney, C Coleman; C Izzard, C Maskill (sub: R Gunn), P Dixon, R Powell, G Dworly, D Heron.
NEW ZEALAND: D Williams; G Mercer, T Kemp, K Sherlock, M Elia (sub: D Watson); K Shelford, G Freeman; E Faimalo, D Mann, B Todd (sub: B Tuuta), S Stewart, J Goulding, H McGahan.
Referee: A Burke (Oldham).

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Faldo Wentworth's Houdini

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Nick Faldo yesterday demonstrated himself a master of escapology as he overcame Ian Woosnam in the final of the Suntory World Match Play Championship at Wentworth, holing a putt of 20 feet for an eagle on the last green to win the match by one hole.

The way in which he recovered from three down with seven holes to play was reminiscent of the manner in which he so dramatically clawed his way back to win the Masters in April.

Faldo had seemed to be searching in vain for the putting stroke which would reward the brilliance of his game from tee to green but, as at Augusta, he miraculously discovered his touch to deny Woosnam with a performance which broke all records.

The 5,562 spectators who watched this enthralling encounter unfold, saw Faldo play the last nine holes in 30, a record for an event inaugurated in 1964, with three birdies and two eagles. He was 38 under par for the 105 holes it took for him to beat David Frost, at the 38th, Severiano Ballesteros (6 and 5) and Woosnam.

Faldo was generous in his praise for Woosnam but he was naturally delighted with his fifth win of a year which he regards as the finest of his career. "It was wonderful to win the Open Championship in 1987," Faldo said. "But I won only one other event that year. This one is the best, no doubt about it."

What is more Faldo was determined that he would win a championship which had eluded him on nine previous occasions. His desire was heightened by the knowledge that two other British players, Woosnam and Sandy Lyle, had won in 1987 and 1988 respectively.

The likelihood of Faldo succeeding appeared remote as Woosnam capitalized on a morning session after which he held a one hole lead by winning the seventh and eighth holes in the afternoon to stretch his advantage to three. Faldo appeared to be in a benevolent mood as he missed from six feet at the eighth and from 10 feet at the ninth.

There is in Faldo, however, an innate feeling that in match play nothing is ever lost and so he proved as with a putt of 38 feet across the green at the 12th he reduced his deficit to two with an eagle three.

This rightly alarmed Woosnam because he was well aware that Faldo would view such a situation with optimism and as Faldo himself insisted afterwards trying to recover a deficit in match play encourages a player to be aggressive.

Faldo underlined that with a nine-iron to four feet at the 13th where Woosnam, who took three putts, conceded. Woosnam would later rue the loss of his own putting stroke but he could in fairness reflect also on the sheer artistry of his opponent.

The match was all square for the first time since the 17th in the morning when Faldo played his approach to the 16th, with a sand wedge, to within three feet. Woosnam was to regret not winning the 17th where he missed an eagle putt of 12 feet, whereas Faldo got up and down from the right of the green with a delicate chip to six feet. He would be given no chance to make such an observation at the last.

There both players were on the green but it was Faldo who took full advantage of his one-iron approach. Woosnam had left his putt of 38 feet short of the cup but Faldo made no such error. He leapt with joy as the ball disappeared into the sanctuary of the hole.

"How high did I jump?" Faldo said. "I haven't a clue. But that is how much it meant to me. I believed I could win it but Ian had a grip on me. I knew I was swinging well; I knew I had to stick in there. The rhythm of my putting was the key. I got it right at the end."

Severiano Ballesteros won the championship four times in five years from 1981. The possibility of him equalling the record number of five wins, established by Gary Player, ended with his 6 and 5 defeat by Faldo on Saturday when Woosnam moved past Ronan Rafferty by 2 and 1.

Ballesteros extracted some consolation by securing third place with a 5 and 3 win against Rafferty. He gathered nine birdies before the match ended on the 15th green where Rafferty missed from 15 feet whereas Ballesteros holed from 13 feet.



Sunday-best swing: Nick Faldo on his way to beating Ian Woosnam in a thrilling match for the World Match Play championship at Wentworth yesterday

Faldo is giving money away

Nick Faldo announced at the prize-giving after the Suntory World Match Play championship that he would be donating his winnings of £100,000 to children's charities (Mitchell Platts writes).

"I talked it through with my wife, Gill, the previous evening," Faldo said. "It has been on my mind because I've spent time with many children, some of whom are very ill, through the Margaret Hayles Foundation for Making Dreams Come True.

"I've seen the hardship they and the families suffer. I have still to decide exactly to which charities to give the money but I hope that it will help in reseach towards finding cures for certain illnesses."

Earlier this year Faldo played golf at Wentworth with a 12-year-old boy who is suffering from leukaemia. Faldo also invited him as his guest to the championship this week.

On Wednesday, in an exhibition match, Faldo was joined by Sandy Lyle in raising £15,000 for a children's charity and Faldo also donated £9,000 from his winnings from a skins match held at Walton Heath last month.

How the World Match Play Championship was won and lost

FINAL

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THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF

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SEMI-FINALS

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No fun for winner Feherty

Munich — David Feherty, of Northern Ireland, won the BMW golf tournament and £45,820 yesterday then said: "I don't enjoy play this game anymore."

He had just finished the most memorable tournament of his 14 years on the professional circuit with a nine-under-par aggregate of 269 and a five strokes win over Fred Couples, the United States Ryder Cup player.

Although delighted with his first title for three years and the biggest pay cheque of his life, Feherty said: "Anyone who enjoys feeling the way I did out there today is a pervert.

"I only enjoy the game when it is over and I look back on it. I stopped enjoying golf over the last three or four years when I started working hard on my swing. Quite often the game makes you despise yourself — and then something like this happens and it gives you a little esteem. I would not even watch golf for fun any more."

FINAL SCORES (British unless stated): 269: D Feherty, 62, 66, 68, 73. 274: F Couples (US), 66, 69, 67, 70. 275: P Walton (Ire), 67, 70, 68, 70. 278: E Darcy (Ire), 70, 69, 70, 67. 277: M Mouland, 70, 70, 68, 69; M Harwood (Aus), 70, 71, 66, 70. 278: T Purtzer (US), 69, 69, 69, 71; G J Brand, 68, 66, 70, 72. 279: D Love (US), 65, 73, 70, 71; O Sellberg (Swe), 66, 71, 70, 72. 280: C Parry (Aus), 69, 71, 70, 70, T Gedeon (WG), 71, 70, 69, 70; D Durnian, 73, 69, 68, 70. 281: R Davis (Aus), 69, 69, 73, 70; G Brand jnr, 73, 67, 69, 72. 282: J Rystrom (Swe), 71, 72, 72, 67; H Clark, 66, 72, 73, 71; R Claydon, 70, 70, 70, 72. P Fowler (Aus), 68, 74, 70, 72; M Persson (Swe), 67, 70, 71, 74. 283: C Mason, 68, 71, 73, 71; K Waters, 69, 67, 75, 72. 284: M Jiménez (Sp), 71, 69, 74, 70, B Norton (US), 67, 73, 71, 73, A Forsbrand (Swe), 69, 72, 68, 75. 285: M McNulty (Zim), 73, 70, 73, 69; P Way, 69, 70, 74, 72, D Smyth (Ire), 71, 69, 72, 73; M Lanner (Swe), 71, 65, 70, 78.

South Africans take England to journey's end

From Simon Barnes, Delhi

The lads all gave 110 per cent and covered every blade of grass on the park. England played it tight at the back, packed the midfield, looked for the offside, and worked on the assumption that goals would come sooner or later. There were no wingers, no fancy-dan midfielders: it was just a tight professional performance.

Well, it was actually a cricket match, but somehow it all seemed very like watching Arsenal beat Charlton 1-0 at home. I thought the boy Gooch done great. In the event, England beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in this, the opening match of the Nehru Cup, which is, of course, sponsored by Madras Rubber Foundry.

England were ultimately effective, always unspectacular, as they went for the conservative option almost throughout. The match opened with a mass release of coloured balloons, most of which promptly fell back to earth. Balloons stopped play. The first couple of minutes of action involved watching the England players popping balloons as if this were the Crackerjack Christmas party.

The ground was decorated with the sayings of Jawaharlal Nehru, this being the centenary of his birth. "Play the game in the spirit of the game," one poster exhorted, and England did exactly that. The spirit that wins one-day cricket is basically meanness: tight bowling, unambitious batting that "keeps the scoreboard ticking over," and fielding that "gives nothing away." It was all very much a "we're professional cricketers" sort of a game.

That did not stop it being a mildly momentous day for Graham Gooch, in charge of England for the second time, and for his second match. The first was a rained-out draw against West Indies the summer before last.

In the field, with Capel and Small, his third and fourth bowlers, both struggling somewhat, Gooch did a brave and confident thing. He decided that the moment was ripe for his own funny little trundly slow-medium stuff, and with his third ball he bowled Ranatunga. He went on to bowl a full 10 overs with great presence of mind and finished with two for 26.

He had put Sri Lanka in, and had the pleasure of seeing Stewart make a most aggressive run-out off the second ball of the day. The second opener fell shortly afterwards to a blinding catch by Russell off an inside edge, the hardest sort.

But Sri Lanka's day was waiting for Aravinda de Silva. He came to the wicket wearing a white helmet with a neck piece, and looked rather like a Securicor man. He took his stance in a strange, straddle-legged, bum-thrusting way apparently modelled on the backward seat in equestrianism, though without the actual horse.

He commenced timing the ball right away. Lamb, fielding at slip because he has a bad shoulder and can't throw, had taken a sharp catch to give Capel a wicket, but he dropped de Silva. De Silva went on to make 80, and it was a pungent, aggressive effort.

He needed someone to stay with him, and Samarasekera hung in there while 72 runs were added. But Stewart got rid of him when he pulled off a nice catch off Gooch to restore England's control. No one else could stay with de Silva and once he went — leg-before trying to remove Hemmings to Agra or thereabouts — the innings petered out, and it was a pleasant relief to England that it did so. The not-out batsman was Wijegunawardene — yes, copytaker, normal spelling.

"It was," the team manager, Micky Stewart, said, "the sort of wicket where the slower you bowl, within reason, the harder you are to hit." He was speaking retrospectively, of course, but certainly such run-up-and-let-go merchants as Ranatunga were treated with a respect that must have been more than gratifying to them.

This was not a flawless England batting performance by any means. Gooch went for five, caught at midwicket with an optimistic flick. Larkins followed almost identically, leaving England 34 for two in the fourteenth over. "It's the place you get caught when you get tied down," Stewart said. Things did not look desperately good for England at that point, but, without there being a single Englishman on the field, England took control.

Lamb and Smith, the two South Africans, did the business between them. They put on 103 together and made the match safe. "Let there be no barriers" — Jawaharlal.

The pair, in what another poster called "The game that stands for unity," took England almost to journey's end. Lamb got himself out — yes, caught at midwicket — but managed 52 runs, including three sixes. England lost two more wickets flapping about towards the total, but Russell came in, hit a couple of sweet fours, and was there at the death.

Smith was man of the match for his 81 runs, and it was an innings of great concentration in oppressive heat. He went through more than half a gallon of water at the crease, his drinks being ferried to him by three increasingly exhausted England players. He said afterwards that he had never been so uncomfortable out in the middle.

England's last late-innings wobble was largely caused by Sri Lanka's fastest bowler, who had been held up until the end — yes, Wijegunawardene again. He dismissed Lamb and Capel in a very useful spell.

Up till then, my own vote for man of the match would have gone to the man who drove the drinks trolley, which was an alarmingly rapid vehicle shaped like a space shuttle, but with DeLorean gullwing doors that opened to reveal the delights within. It carried the unforgettable slogan: "MRF Zigma — the Space Age Radial." But in the end my vote had to go to the Sri Lankan quicky. The boy Wijegunawardene done magnificent.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama run out	1
†D S B P Kuruppu c Russell b Fraser	5
A P Gunasinha c Lamb b Capel	19
P A de Silva lbw b Hemmings	80
*A Ranatunga b Gooch	7
M A R Samarasekera c Stewart b Gooch	24
J R Ratnayeke c Gooch b DeFreitas	6
G F Labrooy lbw b DeFreitas	0
E A R de Silva b DeFreitas	2
S D Anurasiri not out	5
K Wijegunawardene b Fraser	3
Extras (b 5, lb 22, w 10, nb 3)	41
Total (48.3 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-17, 3-42, 4-82, 5-154, 6-174, 7-180, 8-180, 9-186.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-3-38-3; Fraser 8.3-1-25-2; Small 6-0-26-0; Capel 4-0-16-1; Gooch 10-2-26-2; Hemmings 10-1-34-1.

ENGLAND

G A Gooch c P A de Silva b Labrooy	5
W Larkins c P A de Silva b Ranatunga	19
R A Smith not out	81
A J Lamb c P A de Silva b Wijegunawardene	52
A J Stewart c Kuruppu b Ranatunga	4
D J Capel lbw b Wijegunawardene	4
†R C Russell not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 10, nb 2)	21
Total (5 wkts, 48.4 overs)	196

P A J DeFreitas, G C Small, E E Hemmings and A R C Fraser did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-34, 3-137, 4-157, 5-170.

BOWLING: Ratnayeke 7-1-10-0; Labrooy 7-1-34-1; Ranatunga 10-0-39-2; E A R de Silva 10-0-29-0; Anurasiri 3-0-22-0; P A de Silva 3-0-16-0; Wijegunawardene 8.4-1-37-2.

Man of the match: R A Smith.
Umpires: P McConnell and R B Gupta.

Black day to launch Millwall

By Dennis Signy

The 2,000 small investors in Millwall Holdings, the parent company of the South London first division football club, can expect to lose 2p a share when the company goes public today, Reg Burr, the chairman, said last night.

"Obviously we would have liked to have picked a better day to launch," Burr added. With forecasts of another Black Monday, similar to the one in 1987, the stock markets are steeling themselves to cope with potential panic selling.

The Millwall share issue is planned to raise £5 million to enable the football club to compete on the same level in south London as Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur north of the Thames.

"The money is all in place, we will certainly raise the £5 million," Burr said. "I don't know how the market will be but our shares are likely to be 22p to buy and 20p to sell."

The £1 million offer of the shares to the public has produced 1,400 applicants for a minimum £100 worth of shares and 600 for £200 pounds worth.

Burr was awaiting news from Tokyo, last night, of the money market and of the news today from Wall Street. "It depends on how much of a bloodbath there will be. I don't think it will have the same effect as 1987," he said.

All in all, it has not been a good weekend for Burr and his side, who are lying seventh after a 2-1 defeat away to Everton, on Saturday.

Sutton 'offered tour money'

Steve Sutton, the former Welsh international, yesterday claimed he was offered a "lucrative" sum to join the World XV tour of South Africa.

Sutton, the second row who retired from the game last season, after winning nine caps, said the offer came from a leading member of the Welsh Rugby Union.

"I can confirm that I was approached by a member of the WRU and offered money to go to South Africa," Sutton said. "No specific sum was mentioned to me but it was made clear it was a lucrative amount. The rumour was that players were being offered between £30,000 and £50,000 to tour.

"I didn't want to risk losing my jobs for two or three years wages and I turned it down on the spot. It was a surprise but at that time most of the big names had announced that they were not going to South Africa."

Ten Welsh players and six officials joined the tour, to celebrate the centenary of the South African Rugby Board. The trip caused a furore and led to the resignation of David East, the WRU secretary. Earlier this month WRU clubs voted overwhelmingly to sever playing links with South Africa.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Price faces N Zealand

Graham Price, aged 37, will take on the All Blacks for a 12th time when he plays against them for Pontypool on Wednesday.

Although the 41-times capped tighthead prop officially retired last season, he recently became a cornerstone of the Pontypool pack once again.

TEAM: G Davies, M Egan, R Bidgood, K Orrell, S White, M Silva, D Wright, S Jones, G Jenkins, G Price, D Churchill, K Moseley (capt), C Hush, D Oswald, R Goodey. Replacements: A Parry, C Jonathan, P Cooke, A Peacock, M Crowley, A Carter.

Hunter's dash

Jill Hunter, the English women's cross-country champion, equalled her own British record of 53min 12sec, set two months ago when she won the women's event in the Adidas Birchfield 10 miles road race in Birmingham yesterday. She finished well clear of her Commonwealth Games marathon rivals, Sandra Branney and Sally Ellis.



Doyle: needed five stitches

Doyle crashes

Tony Doyle, Britain's former world pursuit cycling champion, needed five stitches in his left arm after crashing during the 10 kilometres points race in the European omnium championship at Ghent in Belgium. Overall victory went to Etienne de Wilde, the Belgian. Doyle was defending his title.

Connors title

Jimmy Connors won his 108th professional title by defeating John McEnroe 6-3, 6-3 yesterday in the final of the Toulouse Grand Prix tennis tournament.

GB's flourish

A quiet day for Britain ended in euphoria yesterday when the British eight won the last race of the regatta at the Serpentine International. The six event competition had been dominated by the Soviet Union until Steve Redgrave and Simon Berrisford followed their win in the coxless pairs by joing the British eight which led from the half distance to hold off off the West Germans.

Champion pair

Ian Pinnell and Andy Service yesterday became the overall champions of the dinghy sailing world. They won the Royal Corinthian YC's Endeavour Trophy at the confluence of the rivers Crouch and Roach in Essex.

Prize catch

Bert Waller, a window cleaner, belonging to the Nautilus Angling Club in Andover became England's champion sea angler yesterday by landing a 12lb 7oz conger eel off Portugal.

Maguire ready to sign up with Rothmans

From Barry Pickthall, Punta del Este, Uruguay

Gordon Maguire, aged 27, the Irish yachtsman who steered Alan Gray's 50ft British yacht Jamarella to victory in the Admiral's Cup, seems set to join Rothmans for the second stage of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race.

Maguire is one of two crewman to have jumped ship this weekend from the Irish Whitbread maxi NCB, which finished a disappointing thirteenth on the first 6,300 mile stage of the race from Southampton to Uruguay. Joe English, the Irish skipper, confirmed yesterday that both Maguire and the Dutchman Henry Heddies had left the yacht this weekend to sail on Lawrie Smith's British maxi.

Mike Pavitt, the project manager for the British maxi, was more cautious yesterday. 'No contracts have been signed," he said.

However, since Maguire has taken shelter in the Rothmans accommodation, the signatures appear to be a mere formality to arrangements that were struck before Smith flew home on Saturday.

Maguire is one of Ireland's top helmsmen and will be sorely missed by the NCB team. He is expected to be replaced with a crewman from the New Zealand yacht Fisher & Paykel.

Maguire first met Lawrie Smith when the two were racing Ernest Juer's yacht, Blizzard, in the 50ft series in the United States. It was Smith who introduced him to Alan Gray, who took the young Irishman on as principal helmsman for his highly successful Admiral's Cup campaign this year. Later, Smith was also brought on board.